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13 14	Defendants.)
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          THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Good morning. Here begins
     media number 1, Volume 2, in the deposition of Glenn
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     Tofani.
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              Today's date is March 15, 2012, and the time
     on the video monitor is 9:16 a.m.
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                       GLENN D. TOFANI,
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                  having previously been sworn,
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              was examined and testified as follows:
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                          EXAMINATION
     BY MR. MILLER:
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          Q Good morning. You are still under oath.
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          A Good morning.
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              (Plaintiff's Exhibit 23 was
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         marked for identification and is
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          attached hereto.)
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     BY MR. MILLER:
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              Exhibit 23, this is your document dated
     March 13, 2012, entitled "Northrop EMD Site
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     Assessment Summary, " which contains your opinions; is
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1 that correct?
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- 2 A Yes. At least a summary of what I
- 3 characterize as the primary opinions that I have.
- 4 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 24 was
- 5 marked for identification and is
- 6 attached hereto.)
- 7 BY MR. MILLER:
- 8 Q Exhibit 24 is your summary report for the
- 9 EMD site?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 25 was
- 12 marked for identification and is
- 13 attached hereto.)
- 14 BY MR. MILLER:
- 15 Q Exhibit 25 are the Attachments A, B and C
- 16 that go with your EMD site assessment summary; is
- 17 that correct?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 26 was
- 20 marked for identification and is
- 21 attached hereto.)
- 22 BY MR. MILLER:
- 23 Q And then I've marked as Exhibit 26
- 24 Mr. Waddell's Appendix C12 concerning the
- 25 electromechanical division.

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1 You reviewed that document, correct?
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- 2 A Yes.
- 3 MR. SLOME: Do you have an extra copy?
- 4 MR. MILLER: Yes.
- 5 Q In your expert report, did you identify the
- 6 areas at the EMD site where there were releases of
- 7 chemicals of concern to the environment?
- 8 A Yes, I believe so.
- 9 Q Where does that appear in your report?
- 10 A There's a section entitled "3.0 Documented
- 11 Releases" which lists one by one the areas where
- 12 releases were either identified and confirmed or
- 13 reported anecdotally.
- 14 O Please turn to your summary report for the
- 15 EMD site, Exhibit 24.
- 16 Do you have it?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q Under the heading "Documented Releases,"
- 19 paragraph number 4, you described the discovery in
- 20 August 1985 of a badly deteriorated cast iron
- 21 drainpipe that was located under the building,
- 22 correct?
- 23 A Yes.
- Q So any solvents that went into that drain
- 25 would have been released to the environment, correct?

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1 A Not in total, but a portion of any
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- 2 wastewater that was conveyed by that drain
- 3 potentially would have been released.
- 4 Q Since the pipe itself was leaking, wouldn't
- 5 that provide a driving force to take water containing
- 6 solvents downward through the subsurface?
- 7 A That depends to some degree on how much
- 8 water it leaked and also on the concentration of
- 9 solvents that were present within the pipe. Although
- 10 it's likely, based on the conditions that I've seen,
- 11 that some leakage occurred, the data overall suggests
- 12 that the volume of leakage was not large and also
- 13 that the concentration of solvents that were
- 14 contained in the wastewater that was conveyed by that
- 15 pipe were low.
- 16 Q The bottom of portions of the pipe was
- 17 missing, correct?
- 18 A Yes, it's my understanding.
- 19 Q So your comment that there may have been
- 20 releases, doesn't that understate the case? When a
- 21 bottom of a pipe is missing, both the water and
- 22 whatever it contains are released in significant
- 23 quantities and can provide a driving force to go down
- 24 through the subsurface because you are continuously
- 25 adding water to the soil, correct?

- 1 A I think it's safe to say that there were
- 2 releases at that location where the pipe was damaged.
- 3 I don't know if I would describe them as large
- 4 quantities or potentially not even significant
- 5 quantities, but certainly it would appear that there
- 6 were releases.
- 7 Q Weren't there spills on the floor that went
- 8 into this drainage system?
- 9 A There certainly was water -- wastewater that
- 10 was spilled onto the floor that went into the
- 11 drainage system, yes.
- 12 Q That would have contained solvents, correct?
- 13 A That would have contained low concentrations
- 14 of solvents.
- 15 Q For how many years did this go on where the
- 16 pipe was not intact?
- 17 A I don't know if that's been documented. The
- 18 discovery of the pipe occurred in August of 1985, and
- 19 it was repaired or addressed very shortly after that.
- 20 Q Isn't it your understanding that the reason
- 21 the pipe deteriorated is that they were using
- 22 caustics and acids in the discharge in the pipe?
- 23 A Yes, I think that was certainly a
- 24 contributing factor.
- 25 Q Where do you discuss the concentrations in

- 1 the vicinity of the pipe discharge?
- 2 A The concentrations of solvents in the
- 3 wastewater that was being conveyed by the pipe?
- 4 Q Yes. Or environmental samples in and around
- 5 the pipe.
- 6 A There would be references to the reported
- 7 VOC levels in the wastewater in Attachment A.
- 8 Q That would vary depending on when you took
- 9 the sample and what was occurring that day, correct?
- 10 A I would expect it would vary to some degree.
- 11 Q So where are the environmental samples
- 12 results?
- 13 A For?
- 14 O The area where the sewer pipe may have
- 15 contaminated the soil.
- 16 (Whereupon Mr. Adams joined the
- 17 proceedings via telephone.)
- 18 THE WITNESS: A site plan showing all of the
- 19 soil sampling locations at the site is provided as
- 20 Figure 10.
- 21 The location of the printed wire board
- 22 circuit room and the general area of the deteriorated
- 23 drain line is shown in Figure 2. That would
- 24 essentially be the southern central portion of the
- 25 Y-1 building if you are looking at Figure 10.

- 1 In the area of AWD -- W-7 boring extending
- 2 along the exterior of the building in the area of the
- 3 AWDL series borings. There are roughly 16 or 18
- 4 borings located in that area.
- 5 BY MR. MILLER:
- 6 Q And the closer you are to the location of
- 7 the clarifier in the pipe, the higher the
- 8 concentration, correct?
- 9 A I don't know without looking at the data in
- 10 the summary table.
- 11 O If you look at the number beneath the
- 12 identification of the boring, take, for example,
- 13 AWDV-1, it says 31.0.
- 14 Is that feet or a measurement of
- 15 contamination?
- 16 A That's depth and feet.
- 17 Q So the contamination is not posted here?
- 18 A Correct.
- 19 Q So where do we go to get the contamination
- 20 in that area?
- 21 A Those results should be summarized in
- 22 Table 2 of the report, which is 35 pages in length.
- 23 Q In your opinion, was 1,1-DCE released to the
- 24 environment at that location, referring to the cast
- 25 iron drain line?

- 1 A Not that I've seen documentation of.
- 2 Q 1,1,1-TCA?
- 3 A Likely, yes.
- 4 Q How would that not cause DCE contamination
- 5 if it's in water?
- 6 A The TCA would tend to degrade into DCE.
- 7 Q Table 2 is preclosure soil testing results?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q In the AWD series of samples, was that taken
- 10 in the vicinity of the sewer pipe?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q There are concentrations in the thousands
- 13 for TCA, including as high, on this page at least, of
- 14 5309.
- MR. SLOME: What page are you talking about?
- 16 MR. MILLER: 13 of 35.
- 17 Q Correct?
- 18 A Are you talking about AWD boring location
- 19 D6?
- 20 Q Yes.
- 21 A Yes. That was the reported concentration,
- 22 although that does not appear to be a boring that was
- 23 located in the vicinity of the PWD room.
- Q So it's only a portion of the AWD sampling
- 25 that's in that vicinity, correct?

- 1 A Correct.
- 2 Q Is it the T series?
- 3 MR. SLOME: Is what the T series?
- 4 BY MR. MILLER:
- 5 Q AWDT sampling series in the vicinity of the
- 6 ductile iron pipeline.
- 7 A It would include AWDW series or a portion of
- 8 that, and the AWDL series or a portion of that.
- 9 Q What page does that appear on?
- 10 MR. SLOME: Of the soil testing results?
- 11 MR. MILLER: Correct.
- 12 THE WITNESS: I don't see those listed in this
- 13 table.
- 14 BY MR. MILLER:
- Q And there aren't any soil gas reports
- 16 either, are there?
- 17 A Summarized in Table 2?
- 18 Q Table 3 is soil VOC testing results. Is
- 19 that soil gas?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q Are there any samples there near the
- 22 pipeline that are displayed in your data tables?
- MR. SLOME: Whose phone is that?
- 24 THE WITNESS: There were soil gas samples
- 25 collected, it appears by I believe Targhee, in that

- 1 area.
- 2 BY MR. MILLER:
- 3 Q Where does that appear in your tables?
- 4 A I don't believe those are summarized in the
- 5 tables.
- 6 Q Why is the data in that area missing from
- 7 your summary report?
- 8 A Apparently the soil matrix data was not
- 9 summarized in any of the tables that we have.
- 10 Q All right. Let's talk about testing types.
- 11 Wasn't it generally known by the late '80s
- 12 that soil gas testing for VOCs like PCE and TCE was
- 13 the best way to find any contamination because it
- 14 spread further and, therefore, could be found more
- 15 readily?
- MR. SLOME: Objection; assumes facts.
- 17 THE WITNESS: You said by the late 1980s?
- 18 BY MR. MILLER:
- 19 Q Yes.
- 20 A I would say during the late '80s and early
- 21 to mid-'90s there was a general recognition of that
- 22 and a gradual transition from predominantly soil
- 23 matrix testing to soil gas testing.
- Q Soil matrix testing kind of averages the
- 25 concentrations and doesn't give you discrete

- 1 sampling, correct?
- 2 A Well, soil matrix testing gives you discrete
- 3 samples and can you give you discrete results, but
- 4 it's easier to miss elevated VOC levels with soil
- 5 matrix sampling. With soil gas sampling, as long as
- 6 you are in the general vicinity of contamination you
- 7 are going to detect it, and that doesn't necessarily
- 8 hold true with soil matrix sampling.
- 9 Q What is the difference, briefly stated,
- 10 between a soil matrix sample and other types of soil
- 11 samples?
- 12 A Well, soil matrix sampling is physically
- 13 collecting a sample of the soil and then analyzing
- 14 that sample for its VOC content or concentration.
- 15 Q Potentially over a significant volume of
- 16 soil?
- 17 A Well, a typical sample that would be
- 18 collected and submitted for a lab for matrix testing
- 19 most commonly would be a six-inch long sample
- 20 contained in an either brass or a stainless steel
- 21 sleeve.
- 22 Q Is that how Northrop's consultants did it at
- 23 this site, the soil matrix testing?
- 24 A They did do soil matrix testing, yes.
- Q How did they do it at this site?

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1 A I would have to look back at the specific
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- 2 reports, but certainly they would drive samples that
- 3 were collected into rings or sleeves and submit it
- 4 for analysis.
- 5 Q Where in your report did you analyze the
- 6 environmental data around the ductile iron pipe to
- 7 see what type of and what extent of contamination it
- 8 caused? Is that discussed in the narrative portion
- 9 of your report?
- 10 A The data, environmental data itself?
- 11 Q Something describing what the chemicals were
- 12 and the range of concentrations, whether it's
- 13 minimum, maximum or average, is that discussed in
- 14 your report?
- 15 A There's a notation of the measured VOC
- 16 levels in the wastewater that were detected in the
- 17 sump areas in the technical document summary of the
- 18 report.
- 19 Q Right.
- 20 But since that's variable on a daily basis
- 21 depending on what they were doing, I would like to
- 22 know what analysis you have in the narrative of the
- 23 concentrations in the environment measured near or
- 24 around the pipe.
- MR. SLOME: Objection; argumentative, assumes

- 1 facts.
- 2 BY MR. MILLER:
- 3 Q Is that in the narrative portion of your
- 4 report?
- 5 MR. SLOME: Same objection.
- 6 THE WITNESS: There is a discussion of some of
- 7 the sampling that was done in the area of the PWB
- 8 sump and lift station, which is in the area that
- 9 we're discussing on page 5. There's an investigation
- 10 performed at that location by Bechtel in November of
- 11 1986, and it talks about the maximum, or identifies
- 12 the maximum soil VOC levels that were identified.
- 13 BY MR. MILLER:
- 14 O The sump is part of a different area and was
- 15 basically found to be leaking because of multiple
- 16 penetrations that weren't sealed.
- 17 A Well, there's more than one sump. There's a
- 18 sump/clarifier/lift station associated with the
- 19 printed wire board room and then there's the anodic
- 20 room sump that I think you were just referring to.
- Q Well, on page 9 of your report, the summary
- 22 report -- I'm sorry. Page 3, paragraph 9, it states
- 23 "Deteriorated concrete along with apparent leakage
- 24 from the anodic room sump was discovered" in October
- 25 1986, correct?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q That's an area where the sump was so
- 3 deteriorated they could take a screwdriver and push
- 4 it through what was supposed to be intact concrete,
- 5 correct?
- 6 A I don't know if I saw reference to a
- 7 screwdriver but I did see reference to a metal probe,
- 8 which I suppose could have been a screwdriver, that
- 9 they were able to push through the corner of the
- 10 concrete channel at the sump.
- 11 Q So the point is, that sump is in the anodic
- 12 room, and I'm asking you about the ductile iron pipe
- 13 leakage.
- Where do you discuss the concentrations
- 15 associated with the ductile iron pipe?
- 16 A On page 5, third paragraph down.
- Q We may not be on the same page. I'm seeing
- 18 a "PWB sump/lift station" referred to. Is that what
- 19 you are referring to?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q Does this directly bear on releases from the
- 22 ductile iron pipe?
- 23 A The ductile iron pipe that we've been
- 24 discussing discharged or conveyed wastewater to this
- 25 sump.

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1 Q When the ductile iron pipe left the
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- 2 building, what -- did it extend along the southern
- 3 end of building Y-1 in the EMD area?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q And did it go to Orangethorpe Avenue?
- 6 A The pipe that outlet from the sump
- 7 originally, it's my understanding, continued to
- 8 Orangethorpe Avenue. The deteriorated section that I
- 9 believe was described was located between the printed
- 10 wire board room and the sump. After the wastewater
- 11 pretreatment system was installed at the site, the
- 12 sump was converted into a lift station and the line
- 13 no longer continued from the clarifier to the public
- 14 sewer line in Orangethorpe. It was directed to the
- 15 pretreatment plant, and from that point the
- 16 pretreated water was discharged into the sanitary
- 17 sewer system.
- 18 Q At page 5 you state the detections near this
- 19 so-called sump in November of 1986 were 1,700 parts
- 20 per billion for TCE, 340 parts per billion for TCA
- 21 and 50 parts per billion for DCE, correct?
- 22 A That's in the area of the anodic room sump.
- 23 The PWB sump had a maximum identified TCA
- 24 concentration of 36 micrograms per kilogram at a
- 25 depth of 10 feet.

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1 Q So is it fair to say that although you
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- 2 discussed the related sump, you did not discuss in
- 3 your narrative report the ductile iron pipe and its
- 4 potential to cause environmental contamination?
- 5 A As discussed, the presence of that pipe is
- 6 discussed under item 4 on page 2.
- 7 Q I'm talking about the nature and extent of
- 8 contamination and where it went in the environment
- 9 from the ductile iron pipe.
- 10 A The testing results that we were just
- 11 referring to on page 5 talks about measured TCA
- 12 levels at that location or in that area.
- Q At the sump in the anodic room?
- 14 A No. It does talk about the sump in the
- 15 anodic room also. Those are the higher VOC levels
- 16 that you mentioned a moment ago.
- 17 But in the paragraph above that, it talks
- 18 about the VOC levels that were measured at the
- 19 location of the PWB sump, which is where the ductile
- 20 iron line was located.
- 21 Q At locations, whether it's a sump or a pipe,
- 22 where fluid, especially water, is being continuously
- 23 released to underlying soil because they are not
- 24 intact and are leaking, doesn't that drive VOC
- 25 contamination deeper into the soil than would

- 1 otherwise occur in the absence of that fluid?
- 2 A Well, in the absence of that fluid in this
- 3 scenario, there wouldn't be any VOC impact at that
- 4 location. So it's an all-or-nothing proposition, I
- 5 believe.
- 6 Q I want to focus on the known impact of
- 7 having water continuously infiltrate from a leak.
- 8 MR. SLOME: Can you stop the phone or something?
- 9 MR. MILLER: I turned it off before. I don't
- 10 know what --
- 11 Q What impact does continuously infiltrating
- 12 water or fluid from the surface have on driving VOCs
- 13 down through the subsurface?
- 14 A The available data indicates, as I said,
- 15 that there were low, a few tens of microgram per
- 16 liter of VOCs contained within the wastewater. Some
- 17 of the wastewater would have leaked from the
- 18 deteriorated drain line, based on the description
- 19 I've seen, and seeped into and through the soils.
- 20 That water predominantly would have moved downward
- 21 under the force of gravity and infiltrated into the
- 22 ground over a period of time carrying the VOCs with
- 23 it.
- 24 Q Isn't that source where you have water
- 25 driving it more likely to find its way to

- 1 groundwater?
- 2 A Than --
- 3 Q Than a source without continuous water
- 4 flowing from above?
- 5 A What type of source without continuous water
- 6 flowing from above?
- 7 Q We've already gone over two examples, a
- 8 leaking sump and a leaking sewer pipe. I want you to
- 9 focus on those.
- 10 A Both of those would involve VOCs dissolved
- 11 in water. You were comparing those to another type
- 12 of release, and I was trying to find out what other
- 13 type of release you wanted me to compare them to.
- Q What I want to know is if a release where
- 15 VOCs are dissolved in water that is continuously
- 16 leaking from a sewer pipe are more likely to go down
- 17 through the soil and find their way to groundwater.
- 18 MR. SLOME: Than what?
- 19 MR. MILLER: Than VOCs released to the soil
- 20 without continuous water.
- 21 THE WITNESS: I suppose it depends on the
- 22 circumstances. If you had liquid VOCs, pure phase
- 23 solvent, that were being released under one
- 24 hypothetical at very high concentrations and high
- volumes, that would present a much greater risk than

- 1 low levels of VOCs being released dissolved in
- 2 groundwater.
- 3 BY MR. MILLER:
- 4 Q Do the monitoring wells on the southern end
- 5 of the Y-1 building contain higher levels of VOCs
- 6 than the upgradient wells?
- 7 A When you are referring to monitoring wells
- 8 on the southern end of the Y-1 building, are you
- 9 talking about any well in particular or just any
- 10 monitoring well onsite that's to the south of the
- 11 building?
- 12 Q Any well that you consider to be appropriate
- 13 to determine if the release in the vicinity of the
- 14 ductile iron pipe that was deteriorated would have
- 15 reached and contaminated groundwater and compare it
- 16 to an upgradient sample to see if the concentration
- 17 appears to be elevated.
- 18 A The two wells --
- 19 Well, actually there's several wells located
- 20 downgradient of the drain line in question. That
- 21 would include the MW-1A, 1B series, MW-3, MW-4, MW-6,
- MW-10 and MW-11.
- Q Let's check MW-1. To my eye at least, it's
- 24 the closest to the iron ductile pipe and the
- 25 clarifier.

- 1 A Okay. That's a dual-stage well then. MW-1B
- 2 is screened within the upper portion of the shallow
- 3 aguifer between the depths of 117 and
- 4 132 feet. MW-1A is screened closer to the bottom of
- 5 the shallow aquifer between depths of 170 and
- 6 180 feet. The VOC levels measured in MW-1B
- 7 throughout the, roughly, four-year monitoring period
- 8 were relatively low, generally lower, generally much
- 9 lower than VOC levels that were measured in
- 10 upgradient wells.
- 11 Q What range?
- 12 A There's a maximum recorded DCE concentration
- 13 of 4 micrograms per liter, maximum recorded TCA
- 14 concentration -- and I'm reading these off the graph,
- 15 so --
- 16 MR. SLOME: Identify the document for him so
- 17 that he can -- for the record so he can do it for
- 18 himself also.
- 19 THE WITNESS: I'm looking at Figure A-2 out of
- 20 the 11-by-17 figure package for the EMD summary
- 21 report.
- 22 Maximum reported or recorded TCA
- 23 concentration was approximately 2.8 micrograms per
- 24 liter. The maximum recorded PCE concentration over
- 25 this four-year period was approximately

- 1 0.8 micrograms per liter, and the maximum recorded
- 2 TCE concentration over that four-year period was
- 3 approximately 0.7 micrograms per liter.
- 4 BY MR. MILLER:
- 5 Q There's a spike in the TCE concentration in
- 6 that monitoring well series?
- 7 A Yes. Actually right at the beginning. I'm
- 8 sorry. There was a value of 5 micrograms per liter
- 9 recorded in '87 and 7 for TCA right at the time that
- 10 the well was installed.
- 11 Q We're not on the same page.
- 12 Attachment A-1.
- 13 A Oh, I'm sorry. I was looking at the deep
- 14 screen.
- 15 Q Yes.
- 16 A I'm sorry. I was looking at the shallow
- 17 screen.
- 18 Q MW-1A in Attachment A-1 shows a PCE (sic)
- 19 concentration of 140 parts per billion, correct, in
- 20 groundwater?
- 21 A A-1. You said "P" as in Paul?
- 22 Q "T" as in Tom.
- 23 A Yes, for the deep screen. I was looking at
- 24 the shallow screen, which is closer to the area that
- we're discussing in A-2.

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1 Q MW-1A shows elevated concentrations of TCA
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- 2 and DCE as well, correct?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q Well above MCLs?
- 5 A Yes. Not for TCA, but for DCE and TCE.
- 6 Q TCA is in green and it's concentrations as
- 7 high as 70-plus parts per billion?
- 8 A Yes. About 72 in 19- -- July of '89.
- 9 Q Now, isn't that set of concentrations in
- 10 monitoring well 1A much higher than upgradient
- 11 sources? Let's just take the TCE example of
- 12 140 parts per billion. Which monitoring well was
- 13 most directly upgradient of MW-1A?
- 14 A There are a number of monitoring wells that
- 15 were installed upgradient of the site.
- 16 Q Are any of them directly to the north of
- 17 MW-1A?
- 18 A To the north wouldn't be upgradient.
- 19 Q What would upgradient be?
- 20 A To the east. There were three wells
- 21 installed to the east of the EMD site. That would be
- 22 AM-39, 39A, AM-40, 40A and AM-42, 42A.
- Q Isn't MW-3 directly east of MW-1A?
- 24 A No.
- Q Isn't it the most directly upgradient well

- 1 to the east of MW-1A?
- 2 A MW-3?
- 3 Q Yes.
- 4 A No.
- 5 Q Are you looking at Figure 10, the site plan
- 6 with all boring locations?
- 7 A No.
- 8 Q You will find MW-3 to the east of MW-1A in
- 9 the parking lot.
- 10 A No. It's to the south, almost due south.
- 11 Q North on this map is not to the top?
- 12 A No. There's a north arrow in the lower
- 13 righthand corner.
- 14 Q I see.
- So we've got this map kind of laid on its
- 16 side if we put north to the top?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q So what well did you say was directly to the
- 19 east, if any?
- 20 A I said there were three upgradient wells
- 21 that were installed to the east of the EMD site. I
- 22 named those wells, but none of those wells were in
- 23 existence in 1989.
- Q And none of them are shown on your site map?
- 25 A Figure 10? They would be off the edge of

- 1 that map, upgradient.
- Q Which one is most directly to the east?
- A AM-40, 40A is probably going to be most
- 4 directly upgradient for, I would say, typical
- 5 groundwater conditions. But all three of those wells
- 6 at one point or another would be more or less
- 7 directly upgradient of MW-1.
- 8 Q The peak concentration in MW-1A in 1989 was
- 9 140 parts per billion. There's no data for MW --
- 10 AW -- I'm sorry, AM-40 in 1989, correct?
- 11 A Correct.
- 12 Q So which monitoring well was upgradient and
- 13 measured in 1989?
- 14 A I don't know that there were any monitoring
- 15 wells in existence upgradient in '89.
- 16 Q So you cannot say that the concentration
- 17 found in MW-1A was attributable to an upgradient
- 18 source; is that correct?
- 19 A Well, I think you can, yes.
- Q Based on data several years later?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q Isn't that a little more tenuous and
- 23 speculative than contemporaneous data?
- 24 A It would be better to have data during the
- 25 same time period if that were the alternative, yes.

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1 Q Page 25 of Dr. Waddell's report -- and give
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- 2 me the exhibit number, please, I can't recall.
- 3 MR. SLOME: 26.
- 4 MR. MILLER: 26?
- 5 THE WITNESS: 25.
- 6 MR. SLOME: Exhibit 26, page 25.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Got it.
- 8 BY MR. MILLER:
- 9 Q Yes.
- 10 In the first full paragraph he discusses the
- 11 concentrations measured in groundwater in the deeper
- 12 wells, about halfway down. Do you see that?
- 13 He states maximum concentrations of
- 14 1,1,1-TCA, 200 parts per billion; 1,1-DCE, 156 parts
- per billion; TCE, as in Tom, 140 parts per billion;
- 16 and PCE, 30 parts per billion were found in the
- 17 deeper zone wells downgradient, correct?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q And he states "It is notable that the
- 20 concentrations of 1,1,1-TCA were high compared to
- 21 those of 1,1-DCE in several wells indicating that the
- 22 source was not too far upgradient."
- Do you see the statement?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q Is it fair to say that if the ratio of TCA

- 1 to DCE shows more TCA than DCE, it's likely to be a
- 2 recent release close by and not one from an
- 3 upgradient source?
- 4 A No.
- 5 Q The ratio there, there's more TCA than DCE,
- 6 correct?
- 7 A Which well are we talking about?
- 8 Q I'm looking at the maximums listed in his
- 9 report. If you know the well, that's fine. Right
- 10 now I want to focus on the ratios.
- 11 A So 200 and 156?
- 12 Q Yes. There's more TCA than DCE.
- 13 A He's talking about the maximum reported
- 14 levels, not necessarily in the same wells.
- But yes, he's saying the maximum reported
- 16 value for TCA was higher than the maximum reported
- 17 value for TCE.
- 18 Q And if we look at the data overall, there
- 19 was more TCA than DCE in most of the samples,
- 20 correct?
- 21 A No, not for the EMD site wells as a whole.
- Q Have you done a comparison chart?
- 23 A Yes. I've plotted them side by side as a
- 24 function of time for all of the EMD wells.
- Q Where?

- 1 A That's in Attachment A of the EMD report.
- Q I'm looking at Attachment A-1, which is
- 3 MW-1A. Is that part of the series you are referring
- 4 to?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q If we look at MW-1A, the concentration of
- 7 TCA is consistently higher than the concentration of
- 8 DCE throughout the period from 1988 through mid-1990,
- 9 a period of almost two years, correct?
- 10 A Yes. Or about half the monitoring time
- 11 available for that well. But that is actually one,
- 12 two, three data points, yes.
- 13 Q Later in time, which is what you would
- 14 expect after time passes, the DCE starts to increase
- 15 and the TCA is slightly lower, correct?
- 16 A I would say that's the overall trend with
- 17 some variability, yes.
- 18 Q Doesn't the data for MW-1A show that there
- 19 is consistently more TCA than DCE in this monitoring
- 20 well?
- 21 A No. Now, if we start off at the beginning
- of the monitoring in 1987 and look at the general
- 23 trend, I would say there are similar levels of TCA
- 24 and DCE on average. For some of the monitoring
- 25 events, the TCA is higher. For some of the

- 1 monitoring events, the DCE is higher. But they're
- 2 similar up until the 1989 -- mid-1989 monitoring
- 3 event. And at that point, the TCA is roughly twice
- 4 the concentration of DCE for that monitoring event.
- 5 That's the largest disparity between the two. The
- 6 other sampling events, they are generally at similar
- 7 concentrations.
- 8 Q If we turn to MW-2, it also shows the
- 9 pattern of TCA being significantly higher than DCE in
- 10 mid-1988 through mid-1990 when the measured
- 11 concentration of DCE became higher for the first time
- 12 in that period, correct?
- 13 A No. I wouldn't agree with that.
- 14 There's one monitoring event in the middle
- of 1989 where we again have a TCA concentration
- 16 that's higher than the DCE concentration. But other
- 17 than that, for most of the other monitoring events,
- 18 the DCE level is either above or similar to the TCA.
- 19 Q If we talk about a distant source of TCA, a
- 20 thousand or more feet upgradient, during the time the
- 21 TCA is in water moving over that thousand-foot
- 22 difference, wouldn't it tend to degrade into DCE?
- 23 A Some of it, yes.
- 24 Q Isn't that inconsistent with the data
- 25 Dr. Waddell describes at page 25 of his report?

- 1 A No.
- Q Would you expect TCA to be higher than DCE
- 3 over a travel distance of -- TCA dissolved in
- 4 groundwater, of 1000 feet or more?
- 5 A Yes. At the groundwater velocities that are
- 6 present in the vicinity of the EMD site, yes,
- 7 assuming that the release originated as TCA.
- 8 (Whereupon Mr. Geocaris entered
- 9 the proceedings.)
- 10 BY MR. MILLER:
- 11 Q You have groundwater velocities in the area
- 12 that we're discussing at 4.5 feet per day, correct?
- 13 A That's what was simulated in the Y-12 model,
- 14 yes.
- 15 Q How long would it take to go 1000 feet at
- 16 that velocity?
- 17 A 7.3 months.
- 18 Q And for the Crucible site, that's two miles
- 19 upgradient approximately?
- 20 A It's not that far. If we're talking round
- 21 numbers, I would say 5000 feet; so that would be
- 22 three years.
- 23 Q And you are claiming over a three-year
- 24 period the TCA would not degrade into DCE so that DCE
- 25 concentrations would be higher than TCA?

- 1 A Over a three-year period, based on the
- 2 Gunther and Murphy data that we talked about
- 3 yesterday, if you started with pure TCA, you would
- 4 expect the TCA to be present at about three times the
- 5 DCE ratio.
- 6 Q Doesn't that include a component of travel
- 7 in the soil, or is that calculation all in
- 8 groundwater?
- 9 A It depends on the release mechanism. If TCA
- 10 was being released dissolved in wastewater, such as
- 11 we talked about for the sewer line, wastewater line a
- 12 few minutes ago, then the clock would start running
- 13 at the time the TCA became dissolved in the
- 14 wastewater and it would include the infiltration time
- 15 as well.
- 16 If TCA was being released as a pure product
- 17 or in a vapor phase where the vapor was the source of
- 18 the groundwater contamination, then the clock --
- 19 degradation clock wouldn't start running until the
- 20 groundwater contamination actually occurred, in which
- 21 case the degradation time and the travel times would
- 22 be very similar.
- 23 O So Gunther's calculation is based on the
- 24 assumption that the TCA clock starts when it comes in
- 25 contact with water?

- 1 A Yes.
- Q Regardless of where it is in the subsurface?
- 3 A Regardless of where it is, period.
- 4 Q So do you disagree with Dr. Waddell's
- 5 opinion that the TCA would have degraded to DCE
- 6 because of the greater travel time that a distant
- 7 source would have required?
- 8 A Yes. The data is not consistent with that
- 9 opinion.
- 10 Q Including, for example, the findings in
- 11 MW-1A in 1989?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Did you check monitoring well measurements
- 14 of the TCA/DCE ratio between the Crucible site and
- 15 the EMD site to see if it's consistent with your
- 16 opinion?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q And where do you compare that on these
- 19 charts?
- 20 A We get to upgradient wells of the EMD site
- 21 beginning with Figure A-15 in the same package.
- 22 Q Let's just take one before we go there.
- MW-5, Attachment A-6.
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q Every measurement there shows TCA higher

- 1 than DCE with a single exception at the end of 1990.
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q So the pattern there is TCA dominates and
- 4 DCE is in a lesser concentration consistently?
- 5 A Both are at low concentrations, yes. But
- 6 for MW-5, that is true.
- 7 Q All right. Now, where do we go for the
- 8 comparison with upgradient wells?
- 9 A Starting at Figure A-15 --
- 10 Q Is this again a series of figures?
- 11 A It's a continuation of the same series of
- 12 figures where the VOC levels, the measured VOC
- 13 levels, are plotted for each individual well.
- 14 Q A-39 you say is upgradient?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q And this plot shows that the DCE
- 17 concentration upgradient of the EMD site is
- 18 consistently higher than the TCA concentration?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q In every sample over a period between 1993
- 21 and 2011?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q So that upgradient source had a higher
- 24 concentration of DCE than TCA consistently?
- 25 A No. The source isn't AM-39. The source is

- 1 located upgradient some distance of AM-39.
- 2 Q Right.
- 3 But the upgradient water consistently
- 4 contains more DCE than TCA in every single sample
- 5 over a period of more than a decade.
- 6 A Yes. We're looking at a well with data that
- 7 is later in time than what we're looking at for the
- 8 EMD wells.
- 9 Q AM-39A, every measurement of DCE over a
- 10 period of more than a decade is higher than TCA?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q Isn't that inconsistent with your opinion
- 13 that despite the travel distance in time, you would
- 14 expect the DCE to be lower than TCA?
- 15 A No. I think it depends at what point you
- 16 are looking in time. If you are looking at a point
- 17 shortly after the release occurred, then you are
- 18 going to see a higher proportion of TCA to DCE.
- 19 If you continue to monitor after the release
- 20 occurred, then progressively the DCE concentrations
- 21 are going to get higher and the TCA is going to get
- lower.
- 23 Q But that's consistent with Dr. Waddell's
- 24 opinion?
- 25 A His opinion was that the TCA-to-DCE ratios

- 1 at the EMD site were indicative of an onsite source
- 2 because they indicated a release time that was
- 3 insufficient in age for contamination to have
- 4 originated from a known upgradient source.
- 5 Q Well, let's try it this way.
- 6 The concentration ratios of TCA and DCE
- 7 found in downgradient wells at EMD are consistent
- 8 with a recent release and inconsistent with an older
- 9 release, correct?
- 10 A It depends what you mean by "recent." If
- 11 you are -- by "recent" you mean something that's,
- 12 say, five years old, okay, there is data, TCA-to-DCE
- 13 ratio data, that's suggestive of a considerable
- 14 portion of that contamination being on the order of
- 15 five years old. That doesn't eliminate an upgradient
- 16 source. In fact, that is very close, if not exactly
- 17 what one would expect as a travel time from the
- 18 upgradient source that he's identified at Crucible,
- 19 and it's inconsistent, entirely inconsistent, with
- 20 the age of the contamination that one would expect to
- 21 see if it was originating at EMD. It should be much
- 22 younger than five years.
- 23 Q Even at 170 to 180 feet below the surface,
- 24 doesn't it take time to get to that depth?
- 25 A I don't know that it would ever get to that

- 1 depth at EMD. It would --
- 2 If we're talking about a hypothetical
- 3 release of TCA at EMD, it would reach, obviously,
- 4 first the surface of the aquifer and impact the upper
- 5 portion of the shallow aquifer where you would see it
- 6 in the onsite wells within the shallow zone. You
- 7 wouldn't necessarily even see it in the deeper
- 8 screened wells because it would be carried
- 9 downgradient.
- 10 Q What is the time of the Crucible release of
- 11 TCA?
- 12 MR. SLOME: I'm not sure I understand the
- 13 question.
- 14 BY MR. MILLER:
- 15 Q When did Crucible release TCA to the
- 16 environment?
- 17 A I would have to look at that file. They
- 18 closed, I believe, back -- in round numbers, in
- 19 approximately 1980; so roughly 30 years ago. So it
- 20 would have --
- 21 The original release obviously would have
- 22 predated that. There's data that indicates that
- 23 there is a continuing release of TCA, in the form of
- 24 TCA to this date, which suggests there was a very
- 25 significant release of TCA at that site in the past

1 that is only now making it -- some portions of it to

- 2 groundwater.
- 3 Q That's inconsistent with your opinion, isn't
- 4 it?
- 5 A I'm not sure what you are asking.
- 6 Q If the last time -- if all of the release of
- 7 TCA at the Crucible site occurred on their last day
- 8 of business, the release would be at least nine years
- 9 old before it was picked up at the EMD site and,
- 10 therefore, the concentration ratio would have had
- 11 more DCE than TCA, according to your computations.
- 12 A Where does the nine years come from?
- 13 Q 1980 to 1989. 1989 is when it was measured
- in 1990 in the EMD wells that we've been discussing.
- 15 A Oh, there's still TCA in TCA form that
- 16 hasn't been converted that's being dissolved in the
- 17 groundwater at the Crucible site.
- 18 So under your hypothetical, all of the
- 19 release -- all of the VOCs released in 1980 would
- 20 have not only been released but immediately been
- 21 flushed to and dissolved in the groundwater. That's
- 22 not the case.
- There is a continuing release of TCA at that
- 24 site -- TCA that has not previously been exposed to
- 25 groundwater. There's only two forms that that could

- 1 have occurred in.
- 2 Q How can you claim that between 1980 and 1989
- 3 the contact between TCA and water was delayed for at
- 4 least five years?
- 5 A It was delayed for more than 30 years in
- 6 some cases in that there's a continuing release of
- 7 TCA at that site.
- 8 Q Today?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Most of that TCA has been converted to DCE
- 11 long before the 30th year.
- 12 A Most, yes. The only way you can still have
- 13 TCA at that site today, the TCA that's been
- 14 documented, is if you had a release of phase
- 15 separated pure solvent at that site that did not come
- 16 into contact with groundwater initially and has taken
- 17 years for portions of that release to become
- 18 dissolved in groundwater. That could be the result
- 19 of solvent that's contained within the soil that
- 20 hasn't been exposed to groundwater, or it could be
- 21 the result of DNAPL that is present within a
- 22 groundwater zone where the core of the DNAPL has not
- 23 been exposed to groundwater.
- Q Have you looked at the data at the Crucible
- 25 site and downgradient of the Crucible site?

- 1 A The groundwater data?
- 2 Q Yes.
- 3 A Yes.
- 5 those groundwater samples between 1980 to the extent
- 6 data are available in 1989?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q And where do you show that in these charts?
- 9 A Well, there's the data for the three
- 10 upgradient wells we've been discussing that are in
- 11 these charts.
- 12 Q I want something closer to Crucible.
- 13 A MW-23.
- 14 Q Is it within 500 feet of Crucible?
- 15 A No.
- 16 Q Is there a monitoring well within 500 feet
- 17 of Crucible? So we're looking exclusively at
- 18 Crucible and not some additional source potentially
- 19 being present.
- 20 MR. SLOME: Your question is what is the nearest
- 21 downgradient well to Crucible?
- MR. MILLER: Yes. It will give us meaningful
- 23 data on the TCA/DCE ratios.
- 24 THE WITNESS: I believe that is the closest
- 25 downgradient well, with the exception of looks like

- 1 Hydropunch samples that were collected in 2011, which
- 2 would give you a snapshot.
- 3 BY MR. MILLER:
- 4 Q And what was the monitoring well that's the
- 5 closest?
- 6 A MW-23.
- 7 Q And how far away is it from the site?
- 8 A Approximately 950 feet.
- 9 Q So where's the data on MW-23?
- 10 A That is contained in the VOC well graph
- 11 package.
- 12 Q Well, let's look at C-1 first within the EMD
- 13 site assessment summary attachments.
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q These are average concentrations for
- 16 upgradient wells?
- 17 A Well, there's a couple different things that
- 18 are shown here.
- 19 The red thick line for the figure we're
- 20 looking at -- all of this is for PCE. The thick red
- 21 line shows the average PCE concentration measured as
- 22 a function of time in the three upgradient wells of
- 23 EMD, and those three wells are shown in the inset
- 24 figure in the lower left corner.
- The shaded orange shown with the peaks and

- 1 valleys shows the maximum and minimum measured PCE
- 2 levels in those same wells over the period of time
- 3 between 1989 and 2011.
- 4 And then the concentrations measured in the
- 5 downgradient wells, the wells downgradient of EMD are
- 6 shown by the orange, green and red squares that are
- 7 plotted.
- 8 Q Okay. So go to Attachment C-3.
- 9 A This is the same format graph, but it's for
- 10 a combined TCA/DCE concentration.
- 11 Q It doesn't have them separate?
- 12 A The upgradient wells separate?
- 13 Q No.
- 14 It doesn't separate the TCA concentrations
- 15 from the DCE concentrations.
- 16 A It doesn't because that makes the graph more
- 17 difficult to interpret because the TCA is being
- 18 degraded into DCE. So you can't make a direct
- 19 comparison between an upgradient and a downgradient
- 20 well unless you convert everything into an equivalent
- 21 TCA concentration, which is what has been done here.
- Q So you can't check TCA/DCE ratios on this
- 23 chart either?
- 24 A No. Everything's been converted into TCA on
- 25 Figure C-3.

- 1 Q Okay. So where do I go for MW-23?
- 2 MR. SLOME: Can we do -- can we have a break and
- 3 do that after the break?
- 4 MR. MILLER: I would like to see where it is
- 5 first, then we can take a break.
- 6 MR. SLOME: Okay.
- 7 THE WITNESS: In the VOC well graphs.
- 8 BY MR. MILLER:
- 9 Q Could you show me what the cover of that
- 10 looks like?
- 11 A Certainly.
- 12 Q Is this EMD?
- 13 A This is all of the OCWD data and some PRP
- 14 data.
- Q Okay. You didn't give that to me yesterday,
- 16 correct?
- 17 A I only brought one copy with me, but we've
- 18 uploaded it.
- 19 Q It's dated March 2012, correct?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q And you didn't give it to me yesterday?
- 22 A I showed you this hard copy yesterday.
- 23 Q You didn't give me a copy yesterday,
- 24 correct? I don't recall you showing it to me,
- 25 frankly.

- 1 Do you have another copy?
- 2 A No. You can use this one if you would like.
- 3 This was stacked with the documents out in
- 4 the middle of the table when we went through what I
- 5 brought.
- 6 Q I don't believe it was. I'm not quarreling
- 7 with you. I just don't remember it that way. That's
- 8 all I'm saying.
- 9 I need to see it now. If you would pull
- 10 that page out, I would appreciate it. We can take
- 11 the break, and I will look at it.
- 12 MR. SLOME: Okay. Are we going off the record?
- 13 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're going off the record.
- 14 The time is 10:27.
- 15 (Off the record.)
- 16 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This now begins disk
- 17 number 2, Volume 2, in the deposition of Glenn
- 18 Tofani. We are now back on the record. The time is
- 19 10:39.
- 20 BY MR. MILLER:
- 21 Q Just before the break you referred me to a
- 22 document entitled "Historical Contaminant
- 23 Concentration Graphs with Groundwater Elevations,
- 24 1957 to 2011 data." And the page within it that
- 25 concerns MW-23 --

I don't see a page numbering system. Let me

- 2 hand that to you.
- 3 That's the document you referred me to; is
- 4 that correct?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 MR. MILLER: For the record, we don't have an
- 7 extra copy. The witness has the only available copy
- 8 today, although I understand it was posted to the FTP
- 9 site.
- 10 Q That dataset begins in what year?
- 11 A 1998.
- 12 Q And in 1998, and for at least a decade
- 13 thereafter, every single measurement shows DCE
- 14 concentrations were higher than TCA during the same
- 15 sampling event, correct?
- 16 A There's one location where it looks like TCA
- 17 wasn't analyzed for in the DCE plots below the TCA
- 18 line, so I would tend not to count that. So with
- 19 that notation, yes, correct.
- 20 Q Is that consistent with your theory that
- 21 Crucible is a source of continuing new releases of
- 22 TCA to groundwater and that the ratio of TCA to DCE
- 23 would be consistently one where the TCA was higher?
- MR. SLOME: Objection; compound.
- 25 THE WITNESS: I think, yes, to part A. And to

- 1 part B, that doesn't correctly reflect my opinion.
- 2 BY MR. MILLER:
- 3 Q To the extent that Crucible is an upgradient
- 4 source of any DCE coming onto the EMD property, this
- 5 document suggests that you would have more DCE than
- 6 TCA from that source.
- 7 A At which point in time?
- 8 Q During the entire period for which we have
- 9 data.
- 10 A For this well which would include 1998
- 11 through the present, yes.
- 12 Q And you told me just a while ago that you
- 13 believe there are continuing releases of TCA to the
- 14 groundwater at Crucible.
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q So whatever is being released to the
- 17 groundwater at Crucible quickly converts to DCE long
- 18 before it gets to Northrop.
- 19 MR. SLOME: Objection; no foundation.
- THE WITNESS: No.
- 21 BY MR. MILLER:
- Q What is wrong with that statement, in view
- 23 of the fact that DCE concentrations are consistently
- 24 higher than TCA throughout that measured period?
- 25 A This -- well, if you look at its location

- 1 that's shown on this figure, it's not located
- 2 directly downgradient of Crucible. It's located
- 3 somewhat to the south. And what is being picked up
- 4 in MW-23, which was installed as part of the
- 5 AC Products investigation, is the perimeter, or the
- 6 periphery, if you will, of the plume, the DCE/TCA
- 7 dioxin plume, it's emanating from Crucible.
- 8 If you look at recent data that was
- 9 collected directly downgradient of Crucible, you see
- 10 continuing TCA releases at what I would call the
- 11 heart of the plume. Whereas the data that's
- 12 reflected by MW-23 at the periphery, most, if not all
- 13 of the TCA has been converted to DCE at this
- 14 location.
- 15 Q All of the data at MW-23 demonstrate that
- 16 within 1000 foot travel distance from Crucible
- 17 Materials, the ratio of DCE starts to exceed the
- 18 concentration of TCA in the same monitoring period,
- 19 correct?
- 20 A For the period that's covered by this data
- 21 at this well location.
- 22 Q And the Hydropunch data demonstrated to you,
- 23 at least, that TCA is being continuously released to
- 24 the groundwater at Crucible Materials to this day?
- 25 A Yes.

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1 Q So although I recognize that MW-23 is
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- 2 somewhat to the south of a portion of the building,
- 3 isn't the presence of TCA and DCE at MW-23 most
- 4 likely attributable to the Crucible release, given
- 5 the concentration and location?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q So that tells us that in less than
- 8 1000 feet the DCE would predominate and the TCA would
- 9 be lower?
- 10 A At this location roughly beginning 15 years
- 11 after the close of operations at that site, yes.
- 12 Q What scientific data do you have that it was
- 13 any different at an earlier period of time?
- 14 A If you compare the data at this location, we
- 15 see that the TCA was effectively down or very close
- 16 to the detection limit by 2008. There's no
- 17 additional TCA that's picked up at this well
- 18 subsequent to that time.
- 19 But if we look at the 2011 monitoring
- 20 results where samples were collected directly
- 21 downgradient, we still see TCA at that location,
- 22 closer to the source, more directly downgradient of
- 23 the source, which is consistent with a very
- 24 significant and ongoing release at that location but
- 25 it's still contributing TCA to groundwater.

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1 Q I'm trying to find out what scientific or
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- 2 measured data you have to base any claim on that the
- 3 Crucible release of TCA to groundwater won't convert
- 4 to a predominantly DCE concentration within
- 5 1000 feet or so of the site. Is there any such data?
- 6 A Yes.
- 8 A If you consider the groundwater travel times
- 9 that we've been discussing, number 1, and the number
- 10 that you asked me about earlier was the I believe
- 11 four-and-a-half feet per day, which yielded an
- 12 effective groundwater velocity of 1642 feet per year,
- 13 if you were to take that number, look at the distance
- 14 that the Crucible site is upgradient of EMD,
- 15 5000 feet, if I were to apply that travel time to
- 16 that distance, it gives me an effective travel time
- 17 of three years.
- 18 If we assume that there was a release of TCA
- 19 at the Crucible site and all of the data indicates
- 20 that there not only was a release of TCA at the
- 21 Crucible site, that it was a large and prolonged
- 22 release to the extent where it's still occurring
- 23 almost 30 years after the close of that operation,
- 24 still occurring today, if you had TCA entering the
- 25 groundwater at Crucible in the past at higher

- 1 concentrations, migrating downgradient over a
- 2 three-year period, you would expect to see TCA-to-DCE
- 3 ratios at the EMD site on the order of three. The
- 4 TCA concentration still three times higher than the
- 5 DCE concentration by the time that groundwater
- 6 migrated to the EMD site.
- 7 MR. SLOME: Indicate what document you are
- 8 using.
- 9 THE WITNESS: I'm looking at Exhibit 14.
- 10 BY MR. MILLER:
- 11 Q You don't have any measured data three times
- 12 higher.
- 13 A The typical concentration ratio you see at
- 14 EMD is older than this, so this is what --
- 15 Q Do you have any data arriving at EMD where
- 16 the TCA is three times higher than DCE?
- 17 A I can look, but I would not necessarily
- 18 expect to see that.
- 19 There's going to be some data that falls
- 20 within that range, yes.
- Q Most of it doesn't.
- 22 A Most of it indicates older TCA than three
- 23 years. In fact, almost all of it indicates older TCA
- 24 than three years.
- Q Can I mark this map?

- 1 A Sure.
- 2 Q I assume you will generate a large number of
- 3 identical copies if you need to.
- 4 Exhibit 28.
- 5 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 28 was
- 6 marked for identification and is
- 7 attached hereto.)
- 8 MR. SLOME: This is the only copy?
- 9 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 10 MR. SLOME: This is another document that you
- 11 brought here yesterday for which there was only one?
- 12 THE WITNESS: No, I did not bring this
- 13 yesterday.
- 14 BY MR. MILLER:
- 15 Q Exhibit 28 shows a distance between Crucible
- 16 Materials and AM-40 of 4,673 feet, and you have a
- 17 direction of flow arrow that indicates that you would
- 18 expect the flow from Crucible to arrive at that
- 19 location, correct?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 MR. ELIE: Can we get an indication what the map
- 22 is?
- 23 MR. SLOME: Just describe it for the record.
- 24 THE WITNESS: It has a title on this 11-by-17
- 25 figure, it says "Site Plan for EMD Vicinity." It

- 1 shows the limits of the former EMD site, as well as
- 2 the well locations on the EMD site and downgradient
- 3 well locations FM-7, FM-1, FM-24 and upgradient well
- 4 locations MW-23 and FM-3. And it also shows the
- 5 location of the Crucible Materials site.
- 6 MR. ELIE: Thank you.
- 7 MR. MILLER: All right. I marked a document
- 8 called "Measured Concentrations in Groundwater" that
- 9 was prepared by Dr. Waddell as Exhibit 28.
- 10 Q Do you have that in front of you?
- 11 MR. SLOME: 27 you mean.
- MR. MILLER: Well, then, we're missing 28.
- 13 THE REPORTER: 27, 28 is the map.
- MR. MILLER: Oh, I'm sorry. Exhibit 27.
- 15 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 27 was
- 16 marked for identification and is
- 17 attached hereto.)
- 18 BY MR. MILLER:
- 19 Q Do you have it?
- 20 A Yes. My copy has the sticker on it.
- 21 MR. SLOME: Yes, you got the original.
- 22 BY MR. MILLER:
- 23 Q All right. Does this have the data for
- 24 AM-40 under the heading "Orange County Water
- 25 District," or would we look somewhere else?

1 A It does have the data for AM-40. It looks

- 2 like it begins on page 164.
- 3 O There's a series of AM-40s. There's
- 4 AM-40/1, AM-40A/1. What do you understand those
- 5 designations to represent? Are there multiple
- 6 sampling points at that location?
- 7 A Yes. I believe there's two.
- 8 AM-40 is a deep screen, screen between 175
- 9 to 190 feet below the ground surface, which would be
- 10 near or in the lower portion of the shallow aquifer.
- 11 And then AM-40A is the upper screen at that
- 12 location between a depth of 145 and 165 feet, which
- 13 would be near the middle of the shallow aquifer. I
- don't believe there's any significance to the "1."
- 15 Q Okay. And the data go back to 1993 for that
- 16 monitoring well?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q So there's no data from that monitoring
- 19 well, for example, that covers any period prior to
- 20 1993?
- 21 A Correct.
- 22 O I'm looking at the column labeled "TCA" and
- 23 the column labeled "1,1-DCE" for AM-40, and do you
- 24 believe this represents at least a partial
- 25 contribution from Crucible, this dataset?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q And doesn't this consistently show that the
- 3 concentration of TCA is lower than DCE?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q Which is inconsistent with your theory?
- 6 A No. No. The concentration of TCA to DCE is
- 7 going to vary both in space and time.
- 8 Q Well, if your theory is correct, wouldn't
- 9 the TCA be higher some of the time than DCE if it's
- 10 going to reach EMD in a ratio where DCE is lower than
- 11 TCA?
- 12 A If you add data from AM-40 that went back
- 13 further in time, you would see higher TCA-to-DCE
- 14 ratios at AM-40.
- 15 O You claim that, but there's no scientific
- 16 measurement to show it.
- 17 A What you see in the data that is available
- 18 for AM-40 are consistently dropping TCA-to-DCE ratios
- 19 for the 15-plus years that data is available. A
- 20 trend is apparent in AM-40. It's obvious that if you
- 21 continue to go back closer to the point when the
- 22 release initiated, you are going to see progressively
- 23 higher TCA-to-DCE ratios.
- Q I'm looking at the first measurement in
- 25 AM-40 in April 1993.

- 1 MR. SLOME: On page?
- 2 MR. MILLER: 164.
- 3 O Concentration of TCA is 4.2, concentration
- 4 of DCE is 14.1. So the DCE is significantly higher
- 5 than TCA.
- 6 A For the initial monitoring event, yes. And
- 7 it remains higher for the subsequent monitoring
- 8 events at this time.
- 9 Q Instead of having TCA be three times higher
- 10 than DCE, we have the reverse. DCE is three times
- 11 higher than TCA, more or less?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q And you believe that change from three times
- 14 more TCA than DCE to three times more of DCE than TCA
- occurred in a period of two, three years?
- 16 A No. No. No, I think to get to the point
- 17 where you had TCA that's going to be a multiple of
- 18 the DCE concentration, you would have to go back to
- 19 the time when the TCA release originally occurred at
- 20 Crucible.
- 21 Subsequent to that, you are going to have
- 22 TCA that's already degraded to DCE, and you are going
- 23 to have consistently higher DCE-to-TCA ratios.
- Q So when did the release of TCA occur at
- 25 Crucible?

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1 A I don't know, other than it, I believe, can
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- 2 be safely assumed that the initial release occurred
- 3 before they terminated their operations.
- 4 MR. MILLER: Let me show you Exhibit 29.
- 5 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 29 was
- 6 marked for identification and is
- 7 attached hereto.)
- 8 BY MR. MILLER:
- 9 Q This is Dr. Waddell's comprehensive report
- 10 as opposed to a site-specific report.
- 11 You are familiar with it?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q And at what page does the discussion of
- 14 Crucible begin?
- 15 A 70.
- Q Does this help refresh your memory on when
- 17 and how the release occurred at Crucible?
- 18 A It identifies the cessation of operations at
- 19 that facility as 1984. I do recall what his
- 20 interpretation was of the source of TCA at that
- 21 facility was.
- Q What was the source?
- 23 A He referred to TCA leaking through the
- 24 bottom of an unlined vapor degreaser at that
- 25 facility.

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1 Q Do you disagree with that?
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- 2 A I don't know what the source was.
- 3 Q He does report in the '70s solvent vapors
- 4 caused a fire because they were released --
- 5 MR. SLOME: What page are you on?
- 6 BY MR. MILLER:
- 7 O -- from containment.
- Page 71, midway down.
- 9 And the water sprinklers went off?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q That's likely to cause some environmental
- 12 contamination with TCA?
- 13 A It has the potential, yes.
- 14 Q He reports that in December 1984, the
- 15 southern property line had a TCA concentration of
- 16 780,000 parts per billion and PCE of 21,000 parts per
- 17 billion and TCE, as in Tom, with 70,000 parts per
- 18 billion.
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q So if the source is Crucible, wouldn't you
- 21 expect to find not just TCA but also TCE and PCE?
- 22 A Potentially. But I don't believe they were
- 23 necessarily all released as part of the same event.
- 24 So it would depend upon the timing and the mass of
- 25 each of those contaminants that was released.

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1 Q Was 1,4-dioxane released at Crucible?
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- 2 A There appear to be --
- Well, there are very high concentrations of
- 4 1,4-dioxane that have been detected recently, I
- 5 believe in 2011, in the perched zone just
- 6 downgradient of Crucible. So it appears that
- 7 1,4-dioxane was released in conjunction with the TCA
- 8 at Crucible.
- 9 Q And somehow it left the property but was
- 10 still in the perched zone?
- 11 MR. SLOME: Objection; argumentative.
- 12 THE WITNESS: The Dioxane?
- 13 BY MR. MILLER:
- 14 O Yes.
- 15 A That appears to be the case.
- 16 Q That can happen, right? You can have
- 17 solvents released to the environment that stay in the
- 18 perched zone and travel away from the point of
- 19 release to another property?
- 20 A It depends on the characteristics of the
- 21 perched groundwater zone. If there is a laterally
- 22 extensive perched groundwater zone that is moving, it
- 23 can happen.
- Q And there are other sites in the project
- 25 area where it's known that solvents released to the

- 1 subsurface have moved to the east more than 1000 feet
- 2 before they made their way down to groundwater and
- 3 then started moving in a different direction.
- 4 A I'm not familiar with those sites. That's
- 5 been alleged by Dr. Waddell to have occurred at EMD,
- 6 I'm sure you are aware.
- 7 O Yes.
- 8 And did you check to see what site data he
- 9 had at other locations to support that?
- 10 A I saw the references he had to, I believe,
- 11 two other sites where he believed that has occurred.
- 12 I don't recall him referencing migration distances of
- 13 1000 feet for those sites.
- Q Well, let's just ask ourselves -- well,
- 15 strike that.
- 16 Did you check the data for the sites he
- 17 relied on to support that opinion?
- 18 A No.
- 19 Q You don't disagree with it, you don't agree
- 20 with it? You have no position?
- 21 A I don't think it's relevant to the EMD site.
- Q But in terms of the potential in the project
- 23 area for contaminants released to the soil to move
- 24 within the vadose zone laterally for significant
- 25 distances as described by Dr. Waddell, you don't have

- 1 any data to disagree with him, correct?
- 2 A Well, if we're talking about migration
- 3 within the perched zone, then technically we're not
- 4 within the vadose zone.
- 5 You are referring to the perched zone?
- 6 Q We can use the perched zone for this
- 7 purpose.
- 8 A I think the migration of groundwater within
- 9 a perched zone in a direction that's contradictory to
- 10 the normal regional flow and topography is possible
- 11 but rare.
- 12 Q If we know it's occurred at two sites, why
- 13 would it be rare?
- 14 A It is rare. It does not occur very often.
- 15 Typically perched groundwater flow will mimic
- 16 regional flow and topography.
- 17 Q But Dr. Waddell cited two examples where it
- 18 didn't mimic the regional flow, it went in the
- 19 opposite direction, correct?
- 20 A He cited two samples where he believes it
- 21 went in the opposite direction, yes.
- 22 Q And you don't have any basis for disagreeing
- 23 with that?
- 24 A Other than what I just said, that it's rare.
- 25 I'm not saying it didn't happen at those two sites.

- 1 All I'm saying is to the extent it did happen at
- 2 those two sites, that would be the exception rather
- 3 than the rule.
- 4 Q If you look at Page 73 of Dr. Waddell's
- 5 discussion, he discusses MW-23 in the second
- 6 paragraph, correct?
- 7 A Yes. Yes.
- 8 Q And he says that "The compositions of COCs
- 9 in this well in recent years are very similar to
- 10 those in the borings that OCWD installed west of the
- 11 building."
- 12 Do you agree with that?
- 13 A That's consistent with my recollection.
- Q Which is another indication that MW-23 is
- 15 contaminated by releases occurring at Crucible?
- 16 A Yes. It's an indication, yes.
- 17 Q And you believe MW-23 is contaminated by
- 18 Crucible releases, correct?
- 19 A Yes.
- Q And you believe the same is true for AM-40,
- 21 correct?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q At Crucible was there a release of pure TCA
- 24 or something else?
- 25 A It's evident based on the continuing

- 1 presence of TCA, again roughly 30 years after the
- 2 close of that facility, that it was not released
- 3 exclusively in dissolved form, that there had to have
- 4 been a release of pure TCA through some mechanism.
- 5 Q Is it fair to say that there's no known
- 6 release of pure DCE at the Crucible site?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q Have you compared detections in MW-1A after
- 9 1993 to the ratios of TCA and DCE in any upgradient
- 10 well?
- 11 MR. SLOME: Can I hear that question back?
- MR. MILLER: I'll start over again.
- 13 MR. SLOME: Okay.
- 14 BY MR. MILLER:
- Q With respect to the Y-12 building we went
- over MW-1A, which is located close to the area where
- 17 there was a clarifier.
- 18 A The Y-1 building?
- 19 Q Yes.
- 20 Do you have data at that location after
- 21 1993?
- 22 A Yes, although I suspect not the type of data
- 23 that you may be looking for.
- Q Groundwater data?
- 25 A Yes. From the recent, is it 2010 sampling

- 1 Hydropunch at that location?
- 2 Q MW-1 was destroyed when?
- 3 A It looks like in very late 1990 or early
- 4 '91.
- 5 Q It was destroyed by Northrop?
- 6 A Yes, in conjunction with the site closure
- 7 activities.
- 8 Q So there's no way to directly compare the
- 9 1993 data in AM-40 to MW-1, correct?
- 10 A Correct. They don't overlap with respect to
- 11 time.
- 12 In response to your earlier question, there
- 13 was a groundwater sample collected in 2010 at the
- 14 location of the anodic room sump. The 2010 sampling
- 15 locations are shown in Figure 9 of the EMD summary
- 16 report, Exhibit 24.
- 17 Q So if we take the groundwater data report,
- 18 Exhibit 27, from Dr. Waddell, I would like to compare
- 19 the data for AM-40 to the samples taken closest to
- 20 MW-1 in 2010.
- 21 So let's get AM-40 in a period close to
- 22 2010. What page would that appear at?
- 23 A You are asking about AM-40?
- 24 Q Yes.
- 25 A It's the same page we were on before, but

- 1 I've lost track of what that was. Looks like 165.
- 2 Q And the entries for 2010 sampling would be
- 3 on page 166?
- 4 A For AM-40A, yes.
- 5 Q And throughout 2010 it's non-detect for TCA,
- 6 and the levels of DCE ranged from 5.4 to 4.2,
- 7 correct?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q So now let's go to the boring that you say
- 10 is close to the location of MW-1A. What is the
- 11 boring number?
- 12 A GW-01.
- Q And what page do we go to for that?
- 14 A I've got that data summarized in the summary
- 15 report for the EMD site, Exhibit 24. I can try and
- 16 find it in Exhibit 27 as well, if you would prefer to
- 17 refer to that.
- 18 Q At least I could follow along if you used
- 19 Exhibit 27.
- 20 On page 221 I see data for GW-1 and 2.
- 21 A 221?
- 22 Q Yes. I see some other GWs, but they are
- 23 labeled "MA."
- 24 A Where I would expect to find it is on
- 25 page 70 with the EMD data. I don't see it there.

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1 Q All right. Where do you have it summarized?
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- 2 A It's Table 6 of Exhibit 24.
- 3 Q This one?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q Table 6 is labeled "2010 Groundwater Testing
- 6 Results"?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q So these are grab samples?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 (Whereupon Mr. Geocaris exited
- 11 the proceedings.)
- 12 BY MR. MILLER:
- Q At GW-1 in 2010 all of the measurements are
- 14 non-detect for TCA but DCE is present.
- 15 A Correct.
- 16 Q Highest concentration, 2.1 during that time
- 17 period, correct?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q But it shows higher detections of DCE at
- 20 GW-2 and non-detect for TCA.
- 21 A Correct.
- 22 Q How do you compare those sample results in
- 23 2010?
- MR. SLOME: To?
- 25 BY MR. MILLER:

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1 Q To the upgradient sampling results at
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- 2 AW-40 -- or AM-40. Which is it?
- 3 A AM.
- 4 I'm looking at the graph for AM-40A, which
- 5 is in the VOC historic plots, and in February of 2010
- 6 we've got a DCE concentration of approximately 4 or
- 7 5 micrograms per liter, but in order to make a more
- 8 direct and accurate comparison, the groundwater that
- 9 was being sampled at the EMD site in March of 2010,
- 10 in round numbers if we use the travel times we were
- 11 discussing before, would have been groundwater
- 12 roughly that would have been at AM-40 in March of
- 13 2009 and there at that point in time we had
- 14 concentrations on the order of 9 or 10 micrograms per
- 15 liter for DCE.
- 16 Q And TCA?
- 17 A TCA, approximately 5.
- I'm sorry, did you say TCE or TCA?
- 19 Q TCA --
- 20 A I'm sorry.
- Q -- as in apple.
- 22 A Non-detect for TCA.
- 23 Q Let's return to your summary report.
- 24 Can I have the exhibit number just so the
- 25 record's clear, please?

- 1 A 24.
- 2 Q Thank you.
- 3 Page 8. In the first paragraph you state
- 4 the highest TCA concentration 6300 parts per billion
- 5 was measured in a sample collected beneath the
- 6 location of the former vapor degreaser.
- 7 MR. SLOME: I'm sorry. On page 8?
- 8 MR. MILLER: Yes.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 10 BY MR. MILLER:
- 11 Q They also excavated 600 tons of VOC-impacted
- 12 soil in that area, correct?
- 13 A That was site wide, not necessarily at that
- 14 location.
- 15 Q But it certainly included the soil at that
- 16 location?
- 17 A Yes, although there was a larger, more
- 18 extensive excavation at that location that's
- 19 described later in this report.
- 20 Q In the next paragraph you report that a more
- 21 extensive soil contamination was identified beneath
- 22 the Y-1 anodic room in the area of the former vapor
- 23 degreaser during the March 1991 demolition work,
- 24 correct?
- 25 A Yes.

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1 Q And at that time, they found TCA at
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- 2 13,000 parts per billion and TCE at 58,200 parts per
- 3 billion, correct?
- 4 A Yes. Maximum concentrations.
- 5 Q Did that release contaminate groundwater?
- 6 A If it did, it's not evident from the
- 7 available data. So to the extent it did, I would say
- 8 it did not significantly contaminate groundwater.
- 9 Q How do you square that with the Regional
- 10 Board's position that the concentrations of TCA and
- 11 TCE are consistently higher downgradient of the EMD
- 12 site than upgradient?
- MR. SLOME: Objection; no foundation.
- 14 THE WITNESS: I think ultimately --
- 15 And I don't recall which reference you are
- 16 citing, but I think ultimately the Water Board
- 17 decided that they were not and that the site -- the
- 18 EMD site did not appear to be a significant source of
- 19 groundwater contamination.
- 20 BY MR. MILLER:
- 21 Q Is that your position?
- 22 A That's my recollection of the Water Board's
- 23 position and --
- Q What is your position?
- 25 A That the EMD site historically has not been

- 1 a significant source of groundwater contamination and
- 2 that it is not a significant source of contamination
- 3 today.
- 4 Q Are there groundwater samples for DCE that
- 5 were taken at the EMD site?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Where did you put that data in your report?
- 8 A It's summarized in the graphs that we have
- 9 been going over, through, for the last few hours.
- 10 Q Doesn't that show elevated levels of TCA and
- 11 DCE in groundwater at the site?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q And downgradient of the site?
- 14 A Yes, and upgradient of the site.
- 15 Q The downgradient concentrations of DCE are
- 16 consistently higher than upgradient, correct?
- 17 A No. I've done that comparison in one of the
- 18 figures that we looked at a few minutes ago, and they
- 19 are not.
- 20 Q Isn't it a fact that just after the
- 21 excavation there were groundwater samples that show
- 22 DCE in the range of 50 to 60 parts per billion in
- 23 numerous samples?
- 24 A From the monitoring wells?
- 25 Q From samples taken shortly after the

- 1 excavation of groundwater.
- 2 A And you are talking about the excavation
- 3 that you just previously referenced or the large --
- 4 larger excavation?
- 5 Q I don't recall which of the two, but I
- 6 recall it was after the excavation.
- 7 A There's a DCE concentration that was
- 8 measured approximately 63 micrograms per liter in
- 9 November of 1991 in MW-9, and that would have been
- 10 just after actually both excavations.
- 11 Q And is that downgradient?
- 12 A No. That's upgradient.
- 13 Q Is it on Northrop's property?
- 14 A No.
- There was a DCE concentration approximately
- 16 46 micrograms per liter -- I'm reading these off of a
- 17 graph in Exhibit 25 -- measured in MW-10 in June of
- 18 1991. That's on the downgradient side of the
- 19 property.
- 21 from 1991?
- 22 A I don't have it summarized in -- separately
- 23 in any table that I prepared.
- Q Do you have the data?
- 25 A I don't know. I would have to look through

- 1 the EMD file.
- 2 Q Did you review the Dames & Moore report?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 MR. MILLER: I'll mark Exhibit 30, the Dames &
- 5 Moore report of May 31, 1991.
- 6 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 30 was
- 7 marked for identification and is
- 8 attached hereto.)
- 9 MR. SLOME: Thank you.
- 10 BY MR. MILLER:
- 11 Q Yesterday you had a Dames & Moore report in
- 12 the form of a map.
- 13 A Yes, I believe that's the same as the last
- 14 page of this report.
- 15 Q Except this is an easier version to read
- 16 because it's blown up.
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 MR. SLOME: "This" being the document that he
- 19 had yesterday.
- 20 MR. MILLER: For the record, it's entitled
- 21 "Former Northrop Electronic System Division Facility,
- 22 500 East Orangethorpe Avenue, and it has a Bates
- 23 number of Northrop Grumman last four numbers 7708.
- 24 MR. SLOME: 7708.
- MR. MILLER: Yes.

- 1 MR. SLOME: Are you going to mark it separately?
- MR. MILLER: We've marked the report. We have a
- 3 smaller version, and I'm more than happy to let the
- 4 witness look at the larger version to be able to
- 5 accurately read the data and what's at the location.
- 6 Q Doesn't this map post some groundwater data?
- 7 MR. SLOME: Hand him the map.
- 8 THE WITNESS: If it does, I don't see it from a
- 9 quick examination.
- 10 BY MR. MILLER:
- 11 Q Well, let's go through Table 2, which has
- 12 some data, before we get into other aspects.
- 13 MR. SLOME: Table 2 is where?
- MR. MILLER: Within Dames & Moore.
- 15 MR. SLOME: Okay.
- MR. MILLER: Bates 7138.
- MR. SLOME: 7138? The document starts at 75.
- 18 MR. MILLER: I'm talking about the Dames & Moore
- 19 report. The version I have has 37138 as a page
- 20 within the series.
- 21 MR. SLOME: 37- -- mine starts at 37517.
- MR. MILLER: Let me make sure there aren't two
- 23 Dames & Moore reports.
- 24 First page of mine is the same Bates number
- 25 as yours. Apparently there's a sequential numbering

- 1 problem.
- 2 MR. SLOME: And just tell me again, the page
- 3 number you are looking for is?
- 4 MR. MILLER: 37138.
- 5 THE WITNESS: It jumps between 7568 and 7137.
- 6 BY MR. MILLER:
- 7 O Correct.
- 8 MR. SLOME: Got it.
- 9 BY MR. MILLER:
- 10 Q On page 2 they found concentrations of DCE
- 11 in soil as high as 112,000 parts per billion west of
- 12 Y-1 in soil vapor probes, correct?
- 13 A Yes. I can't tell if they are referring to
- 14 a soil vapor concentration, though, or a soil matrix
- 15 concentration. I suppose it's implied that it would
- 16 be a soil vapor concentration. But that's what's
- 17 indicated.
- 18 Q In the column labeled "Boring," it says
- 19 "Dames & Moore eight soil vapor probes" and then
- 20 opposite that are the data.
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q The concentration of DCE in soil vapor of
- 23 112,000 parts per billion is higher than anything
- 24 Northrop found in its investigation of the property,
- 25 correct?

- 1 A I don't know. I would have to look at those
- 2 results. Also, I don't see units in this table.
- 3 Q Well, one would hope it's not parts per
- 4 million.
- 5 A Yes, or depths.
- 6 Q Depth would be a bit extreme. I don't know
- 7 that oil companies go that deep.
- 8 A No, I didn't mean as far as the depth at
- 9 which they were measuring these values.
- 10 Q I see that, yes.
- 11 Their comment is "Contamination should be
- 12 remediated"?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q And this is in an area that was not
- 15 excavated by Northrop?
- 16 A The large excavation at Y-1 was to the -- on
- 17 the west side of Y-1.
- 18 Q To the area where the USTs were formerly
- 19 located?
- 20 A I'll check.
- 21 It looks like the excavation extended right
- 22 up to that area, the perimeter of the excavation.
- Q But didn't include it?
- 24 A It may have included a portion of it, but it
- 25 did not include it all.

- 1 Q In other words, that area was not targeted
- 2 for excavation even after the comment by Dames &
- 3 Moore?
- 4 MR. SLOME: Objection; assumes facts as to when
- 5 targeting occurred.
- 6 BY MR. MILLER:
- 7 O When was the last excavation at the EMD
- 8 property by Northrop?
- 9 A In May of 1991.
- 10 Q And this report came out in that month?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q And do you know if Northrop did anything to
- 13 follow Dames & Moore's recommendation that that area
- 14 be remediated, where the DCE contamination was
- detected at 110,000 parts per billion?
- 16 A I know the large excavation that I mentioned
- 17 previously was conducted in that area and there were
- 18 confirmatory samples that were collected from the
- 19 bottom and sides of that excavation as part of the
- 20 process.
- 21 Q It was excavated soil, and the samples at
- 22 that location did not include DCE at high levels
- 23 because that wasn't part of the excavated material,
- 24 correct?
- 25 A I don't think you can necessarily reach that

- 1 conclusion. I can look and see the date of the soil
- 2 vapor testing that was done by Dames & Moore. But if
- 3 their report came out May 31st, 1991, it would appear
- 4 that they were likely doing their testing either
- 5 during or maybe even prior to the excavation
- 6 activities, and it would not be surprising for them
- 7 to find elevated soil vapor levels at the location of
- 8 the large excavation before it was made or while it
- 9 was being made.
- 10 Q My point is that when the soil samples were
- 11 taken in that area during the excavation, they didn't
- 12 find the DCE at the levels that Dames & Moore did,
- 13 which implies the excavation didn't go that far.
- 14 A I wouldn't necessarily reach that
- 15 conclusion, no.
- Q Well, what were the sample results for DCE
- in the area closest to where Dames & Moore took their
- 18 samples? Use the map to make sure you know where
- 19 they took their samples.
- 20 A The apparent vapor sampling locations by
- 21 Dames & Moore do appear to be within the limits of
- 22 the excavation.
- 23 Q What location on the map and what map are
- 24 you relying on to answer that?
- 25 A I'm relying on a version of Figure 10 where

- 1 we've superimposed the excavation limits on it. The
- 2 blue dots that begin with a "VP" designation on this
- 3 site plan, as on the other oversized site plans, I
- 4 believe designate the Dames & Moore vapor probe
- 5 locations.
- 6 Q When you say "blue dots," are you talking
- 7 about a green circle surrounding a blue line, a white
- 8 inner and a blue center?
- 9 A No. For example --
- 10 Q Okay.
- 11 A -- "VP" -- I can't read the prefix, but is
- 12 that a VP -- would be a series of VP designations
- 13 along the west side of the building.
- 14 Q So basically it's a circle that is half
- 15 filled in in green and half background color?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 And this faint outline that you see here
- 18 represents the limits of the second of the larger
- 19 excavation in that area.
- 20 Q Are the Dames & Moore groundwater results
- 21 posted on the site map we went over that's attached
- 22 to their report?
- 23 A I don't believe I've seen any groundwater
- 24 results that were obtained by Dames & Moore.
- 25 Q You don't recall seeing a document that was

- 1 produced in discovery where they found DCE in
- 2 groundwater in the 40s, 50s and 60s at the site?
- 3 A By "40s, 50s and 60s" you are referring to
- 4 micrograms per liter?
- 5 Q Parts per billion.
- 6 A That Dames & Moore produced?
- 7 Q It was from their investigation.
- 8 A No.
- 9 Q Do you recall that Dames & Moore complained
- 10 that they weren't given access to the soil once the
- 11 building and concrete were scraped off so they could
- 12 examine it for staining?
- 13 A I recall that they complained that they
- 14 weren't given access during the site demolition or
- 15 closure activities, yes.
- 16 Q Doesn't that imply that the excavation was
- 17 well under way before they took their samples?
- 18 A I don't know. They were both occurring, it
- 19 would appear, at least within a few weeks of each
- 20 other.
- 21 Q And you have no Dames & Moore groundwater
- 22 samples at all in your dataset?
- 23 A I don't recall seeing those. I recall
- 24 Dames & Moore summarizing groundwater results by
- others, but I don't recall Dames & Moore actively

- 1 collecting groundwater samples.
- 2 Q Did you review Exhibit 30?
- 3 MR. SLOME: The Dames & Moore report.
- 4 BY MR. MILLER:
- 5 Q The Dames & Moore report.
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Aren't they rather critical of the quality
- 8 of the investigation done at the EMD site?
- 9 A I'm looking at my summary notes.
- 10 I see that they complained that they were
- 11 not allowed onsite during the site demolition
- 12 activities.
- I see that they noted that the
- 14 Water Board concurred that the former hazardous waste
- 15 area was not a source of VOCs. I don't see any
- 16 groundwater sampling in their scope. It says they
- 17 collected 16 surface soil samples and excavated
- 18 15 borings and performed soil vapor sampling in five
- 19 areas and performed a radiation survey, but I don't
- 20 see anything that refers to groundwater sampling.
- I see that they concluded that contamination
- 22 may be present at the site and that the site may have
- 23 been a source of at least a portion of the prior
- 24 groundwater contamination and that they agree that an
- 25 offsite source of groundwater contamination

- 1 apparently exists.
- 2 I see where they said that they felt the
- 3 closure data for the underground storage tanks was
- 4 incomplete and that based on their soil vapor survey
- 5 results they felt that VOCs were present in two
- 6 former underground storage tank areas.
- 7 I see where they expressed a concern about
- 8 what was referred to as the former garden area.
- 9 I see they recommended additional
- 10 assessment.
- 11 And I see references to at least two borings
- 12 that they drilled deep enough to encounter
- 13 groundwater. So I suppose they could have
- 14 potentially sampled it, but I don't see them
- 15 indicating that they sampled it or any results in
- 16 their report.
- 17 Q Did you read the deposition of the Dames &
- 18 Moore employee taken in this case?
- 19 A No.
- 20 Q And specifically he discussed this
- 21 particular report and was involved in its
- 22 preparation.
- 23 You don't recall reading such a deposition?
- 24 A No.
- MR. MILLER: Let's break early for lunch.

- 1 MR. SLOME: Sounds good.
- THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going off the record.
- 3 The time is 11:46.
- 4 (Off the record.)
- 5 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This now begins disk
- 6 number 3, Volume 2, in the deposition of Glenn
- 7 Tofani. We are now back on the record. The time is
- 8 12:56.
- 9 MR. SLOME: Okay.
- 10 BY MR. MILLER:
- 11 Q Mr. Tofani, what is the best report
- 12 concerning groundwater quality data at EMD in the
- 13 early '90s?
- 14 A I believe all of the groundwater analytical
- 15 results from the EMD site for that period, in fact
- 16 for the entire period during which wells are being
- 17 monitored onsite, is contained in the attachment to
- 18 my summary report and also contained in the VOC
- 19 summary figures that I provided you just before
- 20 lunch.
- I was also going to mention, in case you are
- 22 interested, before we started that I had someone
- 23 check over the lunch hour to see what the relative
- 24 sequencing was of the Dames & Moore soil vapor
- 25 testing that we were discussing relative to the large

- 1 excavation at the site.
- 2 Q And what was the result?
- 3 A Dames & Moore was onsite doing the soil
- 4 vapor testing it looks like in May -- on May 8th and
- 5 9th of 1991. The excavation activities were
- 6 initiated on May 14th and completed on May 24th. So
- 7 those vapor sampling activities would have preceded
- 8 the excavation.
- 9 (Whereupon Ms. Meadows entered
- the proceedings.)
- 11 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 31 was
- 12 marked for identification and is
- 13 attached hereto.)
- 14 BY MR. MILLER:
- 15 Q Okay. Let me show you Exhibit 31. It's the
- 16 results through March 1993 of groundwater quality
- 17 sampling for EMD by McLaren Hart.
- 18 Before we get into the detail, if you look
- 19 at the map entitled "Figure 1" by McLaren Hart, which
- 20 is at page 2 of the report --
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q -- what are the numbers of the upgradient
- 23 wells?
- A Most easterly wells shown are MW-8 and MW-9.
- 25 Q They are, however, on Northrop property,

- 1 correct?
- 2 A No.
- 3 Q They are on the Union Pacific Railroad
- 4 property?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q And what other wells do you consider
- 7 upgradient of EMD?
- 8 MR. SLOME: As shown on this map?
- 9 BY MR. MILLER:
- 10 Q If there are others that are part of the
- 11 data in the immediate vicinity, whether it's shown on
- 12 this map or not, I would like to know it.
- 13 A AM-39, AM-40 and AM-42 are the most
- 14 proximate.
- 15 Q I take it that you would agree that MW-2,
- 16 MW-1A and -B, MW-10, MW-11, MW-3, MW-4 and -6 and
- 17 MW-12 and -13 are all downgradient, correct?
- 18 A Relative to MW-8 and -9 in the three offsite
- 19 wells that I just mentioned, yes.
- 20 Q They are also downgradient of activities
- 21 that are suspected of having the potential to cause
- 22 contamination, correct?
- 23 A Yes, with the caveat that some of these
- 24 wells typically where they are paired together you
- 25 have a shallow zone and a deeper zone well. And the

- 1 shallow zone would be the screen located closest to
- 2 the potential source areas and the deeper screen
- 3 further away.
- 4 Q So let's take an upgradient well, MW-8,
- 5 page 6.
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q DCE and TCA are at or below 5 parts per
- 8 billion or so in the shallow sampling of MW-8 which
- 9 is upgradient, correct?
- 10 A I'm sorry. What were the two numbers?
- 11 Q Shallow MW-8, page 6 of the report, the
- 12 concentrations of DCE range from 3 to 5.3 parts per
- 13 billion, of TCA from 5.4 to 2.3.
- 14 A Yes.
- Q And let's go to MW-8 deep, page 9. Sorry,
- 16 that still says "shallow."
- 17 The deep wells are listed in Table 5 and
- 18 MW-8 is not listed.
- 19 A That should be MW-9.
- 20 Q And MW-9, the highest concentration of DCE
- 21 is 9 and the highest concentration of TCA is 7,
- 22 correct?
- 23 A 14 and 7, I believe. 14 for DCE and --
- Q MW-9 -- I'm sorry. I see the 14 now. Thank
- 25 you.

- 1 A I might mention, the easiest way to look at
- 2 compilation of this data, if that's what you are
- 3 interested in, these two wells subsequently became
- 4 AM-42 and AM-42A. So there are graphs and data that
- 5 extend through 2010 for these wells.
- 6 Q All right. Let's compare that to MW-1A that
- 7 is immediately to the west of the building and in the
- 8 area where high detections occurred in soil.
- 9 You would agree that that western part of
- 10 the building was an area contaminated with TCA?
- 11 A The soil, yes.
- 12 Q The TCA in MW-1A ranges from 72 parts per
- 13 billion to a low of 19 with the other two values in
- 14 the 40s.
- 15 MR. SLOME: No. One of the other two values in
- 16 the 40s.
- 17 BY MR. MILLER:
- 18 Q Two values in the 40s. 40 and 44, correct?
- 19 A I'm looking at the -- by graph it seems to
- 20 be consistent, the data you just cited with what I
- 21 have graphed --
- MR. SLOME: Yes, sorry.
- 23 THE WITNESS: -- for the deep screen.
- 24 BY MR. MILLER:
- Q And 1,1-DCE ranges from 50 to 16.

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1 A That to -- I'm sorry, what was the upper
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- 2 concentration?
- 3 Q 50.
- 4 A In MW-1A. I've got a concentration, it
- 5 would appear to be as high as 65 plotted for MW-1A
- 6 for DCE.
- 7 Q In the deep well?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q Are you on page 10?
- 10 A I have that open as well.
- 11 Q On page 10 for the period reported 1990, the
- 12 DCE concentrations ranged from 50 to 16.
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q You have later data that shows a
- 15 concentration as high as 65 for DCE?
- 16 A No. It's within the same period.
- 17 Q But it's not shown on the McLaren report?
- 18 A Not in their summary table, no.
- 19 Q If we look at the map, MW-11 is also -- and
- 20 MW-10 are also to the west of the Y-1 building within
- 21 the EMD complex, correct?
- 22 A Yes.
- Q And they are directly to the west of MW-1A
- 24 and -B?
- 25 A More or less, yes.

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1 Q In shallow groundwater, MW-11 ranges between
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- 2 8.8 for TCA down to 1.2 -- I'm sorry, 13 to 1.2,
- 3 correct?
- A Did you say 34? You are talking about MW-11
- 5 DCE?
- 6 Q Yes -- no, I was going over of TCA.
- 7 13 to 1.2.
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q And for DCE, 34 to 1.8.
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q So the shallow groundwater downgradient of
- 12 building Y-1 has, on occasion, significant levels of
- 13 both DCE and TCA, correct?
- 14 A Yes. Significant in that they are above
- 15 MCLs.
- 16 Q MW-13 is to the west of MW-8 and -9 and the
- 17 other wells you characterized is upgradient?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q And it's to the -- what building in the EMD
- 20 complex is to the east of those two sample points?
- 21 A MW-12 and MW-13, is that what you are asking
- 22 about?
- Q Yes.
- 24 A There's no building immediately east. They
- 25 are next to a helicopter pad. If you continue east

- 1 about halfway across the site, you would get to the
- 2 northern end of building Y-2.
- 3 Q Were those monitoring wells placed at that
- 4 location because of concerns about releases from Y-2?
- 5 A Possibly. I believe they were constructed
- 6 in conjunction with the abandonment of other onsite
- 7 wells that were in the way during the decommissioning
- 8 of the facility. And the Water Board asked for
- 9 upgradient as well as downgradient wells, and these
- 10 were one of the downgradient well pairs that were
- 11 installed in response to that request.
- 12 Q If you look at MW-13 in the shallow
- 13 groundwater, November 1991, 48 parts per billion for
- 14 DCE, correct?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q And TCA up to 12 parts per billion in the
- 17 same sampling?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q Was that associated with a high groundwater
- 20 period or following a high groundwater period?
- 21 A No. It's at a relatively low -- I would say
- 22 atypically low groundwater period as far as the
- 23 shallow aquifer goes.
- Q MW-10 is downgradient and Y-1 is to the east
- 25 of that?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q MW-10 had concentrations of DCE as high as
- 3 59 during this period, which covers '91 to '93. I'm
- 4 looking at page 7 of the McLaren report.
- 5 A That's consistent with what's plotted on my
- 6 graph, yes.
- 7 Q And the TCA concentrations were as high as
- 8 25?
- 9 A That's consistent as well, yes.
- 10 Q Don't these data show elevated levels of DCE
- 11 in shallow groundwater downgradient of the site which
- 12 do not appear in the upgradient data?
- 13 A No. I think taken as a whole the available
- 14 data does not indicate an increase in the VOC levels
- 15 downgradient of the site.
- 16 Q If we focus on the shallow groundwater data,
- 17 upgradient the concentrations are significantly lower
- 18 than downgradient, correct?
- 19 A Are you talking about exclusively in
- 20 monitoring wells 8 and 9 as the upgradient wells?
- 21 Q Those were the ones you identified for me.
- 22 A And right now you want to limit it to the
- 23 shallow wells, so that would be MW-8 as the only
- 24 upgradient well that we're looking at?
- Q For now we'll do that, then I will ask you

1 if there's more a appropriate upgradient well to look

- 2 at shallow.
- 3 A Okay. So if we're limiting it to MW-8 as
- 4 the sole upgradient well, that well looks like we
- 5 only have three monitoring events for; and for those
- 6 three monitoring events, the VOC levels were
- 7 relatively low compared to other offsite upgradient
- 8 wells.
- 9 Q If you look at Figure 2, it shows the
- 10 direction of groundwater flow in the area for the
- 11 shallow groundwater in March 1993.
- 12 A Yes.
- Q During that time period, MW-8 would not have
- 14 been upgradient, and neither would any of the other
- 15 upgradient wells that you identified because the
- 16 groundwater flow direction had a southerly component,
- 17 it was going to the southwest?
- 18 A Yes. You have to look more in the area of
- 19 AM-39 and AM-40, which are offsite wells that during
- 20 this period would be more directly upgradient of the
- 21 onsite wells in that area.
- 22 (Whereupon Mr. Geocaris entered
- the proceedings.)
- 24 BY MR. MILLER:
- Q But that would place the flow toward MW-10,

- 1 -11, 1A and 1B, correct, from the Y-1 building? And
- 2 also MW-3?
- 3 A Yes, in general.
- 4 Q MW-3, the DCE was as high as 65 and the TCA
- 5 was as high as 49. That's on page 10, correct?
- 6 A You said 65 for DCE and 49 for TCA?
- 7 O Yes.
- 8 A Yes, I believe that's correct.
- 9 Q MW-3, which would be downgradient of the Y-1
- 10 building under a southeasterly flow had
- 11 concentrations as high as 65 for DCE and 49 for TCA.
- 12 A I thought that was the one you just asked me
- 13 about before. Were you referring to a different
- 14 well?
- 15 Q I thought I had covered MW-2 and apparently
- 16 I hadn't, and I need to rephrase my question.
- MW-2, which is near the Y-1 building, was as
- 18 high as 30 for DCE and 24 for TCA, but you wouldn't
- 19 interpret that as being a downgradient well of some
- 20 suspected contamination?
- 21 A Periodically it would be, but not as of the
- 22 date of the piezometric levels that are shown in this
- 23 report.
- 24 (Whereupon Mr. Kaplan entered
- 25 the proceedings.)

- 1 BY MR. MILLER:
- 2 Q All right. So what monitoring well would be
- 3 upgradient under a southwesterly flow shown at
- 4 Figure 2?
- 5 A AM-39 and AM-40.
- 6 Q Do you have a map that shows the relative
- 7 location?
- 8 A Yes, they are shown on Exhibit 28.
- 9 Q So if we go back to the groundwater quality
- 10 data for AM-39A, using Dr. Waddell's groundwater
- 11 quality report, which is an exhibit --
- MR. SLOME: What exhibit is it?
- MR. MILLER: Was it 28?
- 14 MR. SLOME: 27.
- 15 THE WITNESS: 27.
- 16 BY MR. MILLER:
- Q What page would it appear on?
- 18 A We're looking for AM-39.
- 19 Q Yes. "A."
- 20 A "A" begins on looks like 1- --
- MR. SLOME: 60 something.
- 22 THE WITNESS: -63.
- 23 BY MR. MILLER:
- Q I see the "A" designation for the shallow
- 25 groundwater interval of 115 to 135 feet being sampled

- 1 in March '93, correct?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q TCA 2.5, DCE 6.2, correct?
- 4 A I'm sorry. What were those numbers?
- 5 Q 2.5 for TCA, 6.2 for DCE.
- 6 A Yes. I believe that's correct.
- 7 Q And if you were going to look at the points
- 8 under a southwesterly gradient that were more
- 9 directly upgradient of the ones I pointed out to the
- 10 west of the Y-1 building, that would be the
- 11 monitoring well to look to for shallow groundwater
- 12 conditions, correct?
- 13 A That one, and AM-40, yes.
- 14 Q AM-40 is more southerly.
- 15 A Yes, relative to AM-39.
- 16 Q And you wouldn't expect a flow path from
- 17 there under a southwesterly flow to MW-1A or to MW-10
- 18 or -11, correct?
- 19 A No. More so for MW-12 and -13 that you had
- 20 asked me about earlier.
- Q Okay. So let's go to 40, page 165, correct?
- 22 A Yes.
- Q In 40A, starting with the earliest data in
- 24 1993, all detections of TCA in 1993 are below 20, and
- 25 that well is screened 145 to 165 feet. So it's

- 1 deeper than the downgradient wells, correct?
- 2 A Some of the downgradient wells are deeper,
- 3 some are shallower.
- 4 Q This upgradient well at 145 to 165 feet is
- 5 not the shallowest groundwater that you can sample
- 6 with respect to the EMD site, correct?
- 7 A Well, this well's located upgradient of the
- 8 EMD site, so you can't sample any groundwater from
- 9 the EMD site at this location. There are wells at
- 10 the EMD site with shallower screens and wells with
- 11 deeper screens.
- 12 Q If we're going to compare apples to apples,
- 13 it would be helpful to have a similar depth at AM-40,
- 14 but the shallowest depth is deeper than the
- downgradient wells at MW-1A, MW-10 and MW-11,
- 16 correct?
- 17 MR. SLOME: Objection; compound.
- 18 THE WITNESS: I believe that's correct.
- 19 BY MR. MILLER:
- 20 Q Doesn't this show a contribution of DCE to
- 21 the shallow groundwater, this data that we went over,
- 22 and TCA which would create DCE?
- 23 A I don't think so, no.
- Q If the numbers are higher in the
- 25 downgradient direction than the upgradient direction

- 1 for samples taken at similar depths, doesn't that
- 2 indicate the likelihood that there's a contribution
- 3 of contaminants to the shallow groundwater associated
- 4 with the site?
- 5 A They have to be correlated with respect to
- 6 time also and that the concentrations vary over time
- 7 as a result of different mechanisms, fluctuations in
- 8 groundwater elevation, changes in the direction of
- 9 groundwater flow and degradation of TCA to DCE.
- 10 So not only do the wells have to be aligned
- 11 upgradient and downgradient with that alignment
- 12 changing over a period of time, the time lag or
- 13 travel time for the VOCs between the two wells also
- 14 needs to be considered in this instance since overall
- 15 we've got declining VOC concentrations at the site.
- 16 If the VOC levels were constant, you
- 17 wouldn't have to account for the time lag. But with
- 18 a falling VOC level, if we have a VOC concentration
- 19 upgradient at a point, a monitoring well, and it
- 20 takes that water, let's say, a year to travel
- 21 downgradient and at the same time the VOC levels are
- 22 generally falling, then we have to synchronize, if
- 23 you will, the dates of the analytical results that
- 24 we're comparing for the upgradient and downgradient
- wells.

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1 Q So are you saying that levels in the 40s,
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- 2 50s and 60 parts per billion range of DCE are falling
- 3 levels compared to earlier results?
- 4 A If I look at the available data, the overall
- 5 trend for the wells that we have the longest records
- 6 for, which is going to be 39, 40 and 42, is that
- 7 there's a significant trend and tendency for VOC
- 8 levels to decline over time.
- 9 Q That's after this time period. This dataset
- 10 covers of '91, '92 and '93, correct?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q If you look at the direction of flow -- take
- 13 Figure 4.
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q The direction of flow in '93, at least, is
- 16 inconsistent with having a Crucible plume reach the
- 17 Y-1 building areas and areas downgradient of it
- 18 because it has a southwesterly component, correct?
- 19 A It has a south --
- It's shown to have a southwesterly component
- 21 at the EMD site at that point in time. This is from
- 22 March of '93. If we go back four months, it's a
- 23 little less, more west- -- it's more westerly and
- less southwesterly. If we go back to 1990, it's
- 25 northwesterly.

- 1 So the average direction of flow, although
- 2 there's temporal variations, the average of
- 3 predominant direction of flow is more or less due
- 4 west.
- 5 Q Between June '92 and '93, the flow was
- 6 consistently to the south and southwest, correct?
- 7 A For the three monitoring events that are
- 8 shown here, the flow direction is shown to be
- 9 southwest -- west to southwest.
- 10 Q And if you extended that flow line
- 11 upgradient, is there a known source of DCE?
- 12 A Well, if you extend that flow direction
- 13 upgradient you still run into the Crucible site.
- 14 Q With a southwesterly flow?
- 15 A Here's the site plan, here's the arrow
- 16 aligned. So if I take this point and go parallel to
- 17 that arrow, it's more or less along the distance
- 18 arrow that I've drawn on Exhibit 28.
- 19 Q Which would reach only at most the southern
- 20 end of the EMD property, that corner basically where
- 21 AM-42 is?
- 22 A Well, I think at that direction, probably
- 23 the entire second half. And what we need to keep in
- 24 mind in this type of projection is that for the
- 25 numbers that we've been using or the flow velocities

- 1 that were suggested by Dr. Waddell, we've got
- 2 something on the order of perhaps a five-year --
- 3 three- to five-year travel time from Crucible to EMD.
- 4 So we don't have a consistent southwesterly flow
- 5 direction for that length of time. Over that length
- of time it's going to tend to be more westerly.
- 7 (Whereupon Mr. Geocaris exited
- 8 the proceedings.)
- 9 BY MR. MILLER:
- 10 Q If there's an upgradient source, you would
- 11 expect to see it in the deeper groundwater and not in
- 12 the shallowest groundwater?
- 13 MR. SLOME: Where?
- 14 BY MR. MILLER:
- 15 Q Kester, for one.
- MR. SLOME: Objection; vague and ambiguous.
- I don't understand the question.
- 18 THE WITNESS: If there's an upgradient -- a
- 19 source upgradient of EMD such as Crucible?
- 20 BY MR. MILLER:
- 21 Q Let's just take Crucible for the moment.
- 22 Given the distance, which is about a mile, you would
- 23 expect that any contribution of TCA or DCE to the
- 24 groundwater would be deeper than the shallow
- 25 groundwater underneath the EMD site. It would tend

- 1 to be more than 150 feet deep.
- 2 A Not necessarily. I wouldn't necessarily
- 3 expect it to all be driven to that depth. You might
- 4 expect to have higher contaminant concentrations
- 5 potentially at depth. The only thing that you could
- 6 say with any reasonable certainty is if you have a
- 7 site, whether it's EMD or another site in a similar
- 8 setting, and you are finding contamination in the
- 9 very lower portion of the shallow aquifer, that that
- 10 contamination has most likely come from a relatively
- 11 distant upgradient source because there simply isn't
- 12 enough time or a pathway, if you will, for that
- 13 contamination to get to depth over a short distance.
- 14 And that, I should say, excludes the DNAPL
- 15 scenario that we --
- 16 Q Understood.
- 17 In your summary of Dr. Waddell's deposition,
- 18 he pointed out there were two explanations for the
- 19 presence of DCE and TCA in a deeper zone beneath the
- 20 EMD site. One was that the way Northrop and its
- 21 consultants constructed monitoring wells created a
- 22 pathway for that to occur, and the other is that
- 23 contamination in the perched zone went in a different
- 24 direction than the flow of groundwater, and after it
- 25 reached a point where it could escape the confining

- 1 layers that kept it perched made its way down and
- 2 then came back with a direction of groundwater flow.
- 3 Do you recall that?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q And you had a figure that purports to deal
- 6 with that that you showed me yesterday?
- 7 A Yes. Did that get marked?
- 8 Q No, not yet. Not only that, but it's been
- 9 moved around.
- 10 A Oh, yeah.
- 11 Q You characterize this as a perched
- 12 groundwater mound beneath the site.
- 13 Did Dr. Waddell actually say there was a
- 14 mound?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q Perched water mounds on top of a confining
- 17 layer. It develops some thickness on top of it.
- 18 A On top of a low permeability layer, that's
- 19 not necessarily a confining layer, use of the term
- 20 "confining."
- Q That's fine.
- 22 A Okay.
- 23 Q The whole point of perched water is that
- 24 it's not getting through the confining layer beneath
- 25 it rapidly enough so the water accumulates, including

- 1 any contaminants, correct?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q That water will flow in the direction or
- 4 slope of the confining layer which may not be in the
- 5 same direction as the direction of groundwater flow,
- 6 correct?
- 7 A I say it will typically flow in the
- 8 direction of which the layer upon which it is perched
- 9 is inclined, and that most often is in the direction
- 10 of groundwater flow, though not universally.
- 11 Q If you introduce a solvent like PCE or TCE
- 12 to the soil, do they necessarily go straight down
- 13 when they are in the vadose zone or do they sometimes
- 14 encounter confining layers that cause them to move in
- 15 a different direction than straight down?
- 16 A They don't necessarily go straight down.
- 17 Q And when they encounter a confining layer,
- 18 they try to go around it basically?
- 19 A It depends how extensive that layer is.
- 20 They will go through it given a sufficient amount of
- 21 time. If it's a small inclusion, the majority of
- 22 whatever contamination is in question may go around
- 23 it.
- Q Is the same principle applicable to TCA?
- 25 A As for TCE?

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1 O Yes.
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- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q What data do you have that demonstrates that
- 4 there was no shortcut as a result of the installation
- 5 of one or more monitoring wells to deeper
- 6 groundwater; that is, an artificial pathway created
- 7 by the construction of that well?
- 8 MR. SLOME: Please reread the question, please.
- 9 (The record was read as follows:
- 10 "QUESTION: What data do you have
- 11 that demonstrates that there was no
- 12 shortcut as a result of the
- installation of one or more monitoring
- 14 wells to deeper groundwater; that is,
- an artificial pathway created by the
- 16 construction of that well?")
- 17 MR. SLOME: I understand the question.
- 18 BY MR. MILLER:
- 19 Q You understand the concept of a shortcut to
- 20 deeper groundwater?
- 21 A I believe so.
- 22 Q And it's known that if you improperly
- 23 construct a monitoring well it could provide a
- 24 pathway that wouldn't exist through nature down to
- 25 groundwater and avoiding the confining layers because

1 of the void between the monitoring well and the

- 2 confining layer, correct?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q Is that known to happen?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q Do you have any opinions concerning the
- 7 construction of monitoring wells that would preclude
- 8 that movement through a shortcut or more direct path
- 9 through the confining layers created by a monitoring
- 10 well?
- 11 A You are asking specifically with respect to
- 12 the EMD site?
- 13 Q Yes.
- 14 A Well, I've reviewed the well logs, the
- 15 drilling logs for the monitoring wells that
- 16 Dr. Waddell was referring to with respect to his
- 17 theory that the installation were problematic and
- 18 created potentially preferential flow paths along the
- 19 casings, and I don't see that occurring based on the
- 20 records that I've reviewed.
- Q Based on the drilling records?
- 22 A Yes.
- Q Did you review his testimony about what the
- 24 problems were with the monitoring well construction?
- 25 A Yes.

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1 Q And you disagree with it?
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- 2 A I don't disagree that there were issues
- 3 encountered during the construction of the monitoring
- 4 wells that, among other things, involved welds at
- 5 conductor casings pulling apart that created
- 6 complications with the installation. But when I look
- 7 at how those problems were resolved, I don't see them
- 8 creating the potential for downward flow or
- 9 preferential downward flow pathway along the casing.
- 10 Q What do you mean how they were resolved?
- 11 A I'm looking at page 15 of my chronological
- 12 summary in Exhibit 24, if you start with MW-4 at the
- 13 bottom of the page, that well was drilled with air
- 14 and foam. There was an eight-inch temporary casing
- 15 that was installed at that location. They installed
- 16 a four-inch casing that was intended to be left in
- 17 place inside that. And as they were backfilling it,
- 18 the way that you would typically do that is
- 19 progressively pull the larger casing and -- in
- 20 advance of the backfill.
- 21 It looks like they extended the backfill up
- 22 into a portion of the larger diameter casing while
- 23 they were constructing this well so that that
- 24 backfill locked the larger casing to the smaller
- 25 casing. It was intended to be left in place. So

- 1 when they went to pull up the eight-inch casing
- 2 further, the four-inch casing came with it.
- 3 At that location, they abandoned the hole,
- 4 left the eight-inch steel casing in place, grouted
- 5 the interior and then -- oh, no, just left the
- 6 eight-inch steel casing in place at that location,
- 7 since the four-inch well was already installed and
- 8 then backfilled the annulus the rest of the way.
- 9 I don't see that situation creating a
- 10 preferential flow path since the entire hole down to
- 11 a depth that was 13 feet above the upper well screen
- 12 was cased with an eight-inch steel casing that was
- 13 intact.
- Q When they were trying to get the casing out
- of the ground, they were exerting some force? They
- 16 wanted it back?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q Does that lead to cracking?
- 19 A There's two instances at MW-1 and MW-2 when
- 20 they were retrieving the casing that occurred and it
- 21 pulled apart. So if that would have occurred, I
- 22 think they would have pulled the casing apart like
- 23 they did at MW-1 and MW-2.
- Q If they knew. It's beneath the surface.
- 25 A If it cracked when they were retrieving it,

- 1 it would have broken. And if it had been broken, it
- 2 wouldn't have brought the four-inch casing up with
- 3 it.
- 4 Q Are you claiming you can't have cracks
- 5 without a total failure and separation of the casing?
- 6 A I think it's very probable that if they were
- 7 pulling on a casing to retrieve it, with sufficient
- 8 force and there was a poor weld, an inadequate weld,
- 9 a weak weld that would have cracked, that the casing
- 10 would have separated like it did in the other two
- instances, and that would have been apparent.
- 12 Q Haven't you experienced instances where
- 13 there was cracking without failure so that you broke
- 14 it off, in effect?
- 15 A I'm not sure what you mean by "broke it
- 16 off."
- 17 Q You get part of it back and part of it stays
- 18 in the hole.
- 19 A That would suggest that there was failure if
- 20 part of it --
- 21 Q That's what I was defining as "failure."
- You get the casing back but you don't get it
- 23 all back because you not only cracked it, you made it
- 24 two different pieces.
- 25 A I don't know if that's ever happened on a

- 1 project that I've worked on, but it certainly can
- 2 happen.
- 3 Q Dr. Waddell pointed out that at two sites
- 4 there was significant flow to the east in the perched
- 5 zone followed by the contaminants reaching
- 6 groundwater from data at other sites.
- 7 Did you even review the data at the other
- 8 sites?
- 9 MR. SLOME: Objection; asked and answered.
- 10 MR. MILLER: Not that way.
- 11 THE WITNESS: I probably have seen that data,
- 12 but I don't specifically recall reviewing it.
- 13 BY MR. MILLER:
- 14 O What are the two sites where there was
- 15 easterly flow followed by contamination of a deeper
- 16 aquifer?
- 17 A I believe he refers to a gas station site
- 18 that's located to the east of EMD, and I don't recall
- 19 the name of the other one.
- 20 Q Aren't they both within a mile of the EMD
- 21 site?
- 22 A My recollection is that he was referring to
- 23 two sites that were not far away.
- Q If the soils were laid down at two sites
- 25 within a mile in that direction, how do you exclude

- 1 the possibility that the confining layer in a
- 2 semi-perched zone at EMD didn't have a similar
- 3 characteristic?
- 4 A Well, first of all, it would be very unusual
- 5 for soil layers over significant distance to be
- 6 deposited or laid down in a direction that was
- 7 inconsistent with the topography. It's not
- 8 impossible, but it would be unusual. But so --
- 9 O So it would be unusual --
- 10 MR. SLOME: Let him finish his answer.
- 11 THE WITNESS: But more importantly, the easiest
- 12 way I think to preclude that type of flow is to
- 13 simply look at the data which indicates that there
- 14 was not a significant zone of perched groundwater at
- 15 EMD.
- 16 BY MR. MILLER:
- Q What do you mean by "a significant zone"?
- 18 A I mean the vast majority by relatively wide
- 19 margin of the borings that were deep enough --
- 20 drilled deep enough to encounter perched water at an
- 21 elevation that's consistent with his theory were
- 22 found to be dry without any indication of perched
- 23 water.
- Q What elevation is that?
- 25 A He referenced an elevation of, I believe,

- 1 110 as being necessary for easterly groundwater flow
- 2 to occur, in his opinion, over into the area of AM-40
- 3 and 42.
- 4 Q Wasn't perched groundwater found at that
- 5 interval on occasion and wasn't it significantly
- 6 contaminated?
- 7 A I've only seen one sampling event for
- 8 perched groundwater, and those results --
- 9 Q I want to make sure we're not quibbling
- 10 about terminology. "Semi-perched" and "perched" are
- 11 the same in this context, or not?
- 12 A I don't believe I've used the term
- 13 "semi-perched."
- 14 Q Was there semi-perched groundwater beneath
- 15 EMD?
- 16 A I would just use the term "perched."
- 17 Q Okay.
- 18 A So the only perched groundwater sampling
- 19 event that I have seen is the 2010 data, in that at
- 20 the four sampling locations in 2010 a relatively thin
- 21 zone of perched groundwater was identified at one of
- 22 those near the southwest corner of the site, and that
- 23 sample was non-detect for all VOCs.
- Q Are perched samples encountered at -- next
- 25 door at Y-12?

- 1 A Yes. Perched groundwater is present at
- 2 Y-12.
- 3 Q With more frequency than at EMD?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q There's a relatively limited number of
- 6 groundwater samples at EMD because they destroyed the
- 7 monitoring wells there in '92 or '3. I think it's
- 8 '93.
- 9 MR. SLOME: Objection. Objection. Objection.
- 10 Argumentative as phrased.
- 11 But you can answer.
- 12 BY MR. MILLER:
- 13 Q Weren't all of the monitoring wells at the
- 14 EMD site destroyed in 1993?
- 15 A As far as the onsite wells, yes, I believe
- 16 so.
- 17 Q So the only data for monitoring wells onsite
- 18 is between what years?
- 19 A The first wells were installed and the first
- 20 monitoring was performed in 1987 and the latest data
- 21 would be for '93, not counting MW-8 and MW-9, which
- were converted into AM-42 and 42A.
- 23 Q So you don't believe any of the
- 24 contamination released at the EMD site caused
- 25 contamination of groundwater?

1 A I can't rule out the possibility that there

- 2 was some localized contamination of groundwater
- 3 caused at the EMD site. If I look at the historic
- 4 upgradient and downgradient VOC levels, there's no
- 5 indication of any VOC source at EMD. So to the
- 6 extent that there was localized contamination at EMD
- 7 caused by one or more onsite releases, I don't
- 8 believe it's had any significant or perceptible
- 9 effect on the regional groundwater in the shallow
- 10 aquifer or the principal aquifer.
- 11 Q Despite the numbers I showed you in the
- 12 shallow aquifer?
- MR. SLOME: That's arguing with him.
- 14 Objection; argumentative.
- 15 BY MR. MILLER:
- 16 Q Correct?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q You think all of that contamination came
- 19 from upgradient sources even though it was in shallow
- 20 groundwater?
- 21 A Yes. I think there's clearly VOCs in the
- 22 upper portion of the shallow aquifer that are coming
- 23 from upgradient sources.
- Q In concentrations as high as 50 and 60 parts
- 25 per billion in the shallow groundwater?

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1 A I should have made these different colors.
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- Yes.
- 3 Q What do you base that on?
- 4 A I'm looking at the historic graphs for the
- 5 upgradient wells.
- 6 Q What upgradient wells?
- 7 A I'm looking at AM-40 right now.
- 8 Q Isn't that 145-plus feet down?
- 9 A Yes, near the middle.
- 10 Q It's not shallow?
- 11 A It's not as shallow as some of the shallow
- 12 wells at EMD or not as deep as some of the deep wells
- 13 at EMD.
- 14 Q It's in the middle zone basically?
- 15 A It's near the -- I would say the typical
- 16 center of the shallow aquifer. Although during
- 17 periods of low groundwater levels, it's going to end
- 18 up being relatively close to the top.
- 19 Q What other upgradient well are you looking
- 20 at?
- 21 A I'm just looking at AM-40A and AM-40 right
- 22 now.
- Q Do you think it's fair to compare
- 24 groundwater 145 to depths beneath that to groundwater
- 25 at 120 to 110?

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1 A I think the data from this well where it's
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- 2 screened indicates that there would be VOCs present
- 3 as a result of this contamination beneath the EMD
- 4 site in the upper portion of the shallow aguifer.
- 5 Q Can you think of any other significant
- 6 source of upgradient DCE concentrations besides
- 7 Crucible that you can identify?
- 8 A No.
- 9 You said DCE with a "D"?
- 10 Q That's correct.
- 11 A This is the plate I was looking for in
- 12 response to one of your earlier questions.
- 13 Q I'm happy to give it to you if you need it
- 14 to look at it and clarify a prior answer.
- 15 A I don't necessarily. I think we moved on
- 16 now.
- But just for the sake of completeness, what
- 18 I had asked someone to do on this site plan, and it's
- 19 still a bit of a work in progress, but it shows all
- 20 of the boring or testing locations at the EMD site of
- 21 which there are hundreds and hundreds.
- I asked them to color code the deeper
- 23 borings that extended to a sufficient depth to detect
- 24 the groundwater that could potentially be present
- 25 under the mound theory and to color code borings

- 1 where perched groundwater was identified red like
- 2 these, in the color code borings where perched
- 3 groundwater was not identified green.
- 4 Q There are quite a few borings that didn't go
- 5 down deep enough to detect perched groundwater at
- 6 110 feet in this area, correct?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q So did you limit yourself when you depicted
- 9 things in green to borings that were at least deep
- 10 enough to detect perched groundwater at that
- 11 interval?
- 12 A Yes. Shallower borings were eliminated.
- 13 Rotary wash borings where perched groundwater might
- 14 not have been apparent were eliminated.
- 15 Q And you got two red dots?
- 16 A A third over on the southeast corner of the
- 17 site. So we've got three locations out of, you know,
- 18 approximately 30 where some evidence of perched
- 19 groundwater was detected.
- 20 Q Where are the 30 that are at least as deep
- 21 as 110 feet?
- 22 A Well, the other green dots you see; here,
- 23 the southwest, southeast, here, the western property
- 24 line, here in the middle of the site, and then a
- 25 large number, the majority of them, beneath the

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1 anodic room. And this is an inset of the anodic
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- 2 room.
- 3 Q All of the anodic room sampling was
- 4 conducted in basically a one-year period, maybe two?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q So the dataset are heavily influenced by the
- 7 fact that the majority of the borings are in '90, '91
- 8 before the excavation, correct?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q So in terms of evaluation of perched
- 11 groundwater over time, that's a pretty shallow window
- 12 to draw a lot of temporal conclusions from, isn't it?
- 13 A It's a window during which --
- 14 If groundwater was going to be present, it
- 15 is the most critical window to look at and the window
- 16 with the highest probability of finding perched
- 17 groundwater.
- 18 Q That wasn't the wettest year. There were
- 19 wet years before '91.
- 20 A I was looking at it from the perspective of
- 21 the source of perched groundwater as postulated by
- 22 Dr. Waddell, that source being leakage from the
- 23 pipes, the sewer lines, the anodic room sump,
- 24 particularly in the area of the anodic room.
- 25 Q Well, if --

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1 MR. SLOME: Let him finish. Let him finish.
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- 2 THE WITNESS: And I was going to say that's
- 3 where the prevalence of the data is. There is more
- 4 than enough data in that area to document that not
- 5 only is there not perched groundwater at the location
- 6 where there appears to have been some water --
- 7 wastewater leaking into the ground from the source
- 8 identified by Dr. Waddell, that when you get down to
- 9 the depth of where the perched zone could potentially
- 10 be present, the soils at that location, the boring
- 11 logs are generally described as no more than moist.
- 12 There's simply no indication of wetness, let alone
- 13 standing or perched groundwater.
- 14 BY MR. MILLER:
- 15 Q Since they removed the pipe and found the
- 16 lower half of the pipe, more or less, to be gone --
- 17 and they did that in 1990?
- 18 A I could look up the date if you would like.
- 19 But that's the point in time --
- 20 Q I think I have some photographs.
- 21 A That's the point in time when the borings
- 22 and the excavation activities in that area were
- 23 initiated, and they confirmed that there was not
- 24 perched water present at that time immediately after
- 25 the leakage was identified.

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1 Q Those pipes would have been leaking for
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- 2 years before they were removed, correct, if the
- 3 majority of the pipe was gone?
- 4 A I don't know.
- 5 Q Do you know the date of the photographs
- 6 where they show it removed?
- 7 A No.
- 8 Q Do you have any narrative that explains the
- 9 condition of the pipe so that the pipe had to be
- 10 excavated by that date?
- 11 A Not that I recall. I can look through my
- 12 notes and see if I spot something.
- 13 Q Well, I've got something that may help you.
- 14 I think I buried the exhibit tab again.
- 15 Is 32 next?
- 16 THE REPORTER: 32.
- MR. SLOME: What was 31? Sorry. I've got
- 18 Exhibit 31. It's the McLaren report.
- 19 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 32 was
- 20 marked for identification and is
- 21 attached hereto.)
- 22 BY MR. MILLER:
- Q This is Exhibit 32.
- 24 A Thanks.
- 25 MR. SLOME: Thank you.

- 1 BY MR. MILLER:
- 2 Q This document is dated in 1985. And if you
- 3 look at the bottom of the page, in the letter to DTSC
- 4 concerning the spill of August 1985, it says
- 5 "Approximately 22 linear feet of piping displayed
- 6 severe corrosion to the extent that portions of the
- 7 pipe 'bottom' were missing."
- 8 Does that refresh your memory that the
- 9 problem with the pipe was fixed during an excavation
- 10 that occurred in 1985 so that you would not expect to
- 11 see that as a source to cause perched groundwater in
- 12 1990 or '91?
- 13 A I do see my entry regarding the date, the
- 14 9/6/85 memo. And if leakage from that line had been
- 15 sufficient to create a perched groundwater condition,
- 16 I would tend to agree with statements made by
- 17 Dr. Waddell that he would still expect that perched
- 18 groundwater to be present several years later.
- 19 Q Would you expect it to be as extensive six
- 20 years later as in 1985 when the condition was
- 21 discovered?
- 22 A If this condition had caused and was the
- 23 exclusive cause of a perched groundwater zone, I
- 24 would not, under that hypothetical. But I think
- 25 there would still be evidence of that condition and

- 1 evidence it's inconsistent with the boring logs.
- 2 Q You were just telling me, if I heard you
- 3 correctly, that you thought the pipe was leaking near
- 4 in time to the measurements in 1990 and 1991 in the
- 5 area of the anodic room. It's now been established
- 6 that the pipe was probably removed by 1985.
- 7 Isn't that inconsistent with your earlier
- 8 statement?
- 9 A I said a leaking pipe was identified near
- 10 the beginning of the subsurface excavation or
- 11 sampling activities at the site, which extended up to
- 12 and included the closure activities in May of 1991.
- 13 Q The point is, most of the sampling that you
- 14 are relying on to say there was no perched
- 15 groundwater occurred about four to five years after
- 16 the leakage from the pipe would have stopped,
- 17 correct?
- 18 A Most, yes. Not all, no.
- The investigation by Bechtel and borings by
- 20 Bechtel at that location that extended down to the
- 21 zone of potential perched groundwater was one phase
- 22 of that; for example, in November 1986 where they
- 23 excavated a boring or borings down to the clay zone.
- 24 There's a very detailed log for these borings. It
- 25 described the soil type, consistency, moisture

- 1 levels. And it's very clear from those logs that
- 2 there's no perched groundwater present at the Y-1
- 3 location as of 1986.
- Q And where were they boring on the property?
- 5 A That was near the anodic room at the
- 6 location of the concrete damage, or the apparent leak
- 7 at that location.
- 8 MR. MILLER: I want to mark the "Summary of
- 9 Groundwater Flow Model" document as the next exhibit,
- 10 33.
- 11 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 33 was
- 12 marked for identification and is
- 13 attached hereto.)
- 14 MR. MILLER: You can hand these out. Thank you.
- 15 Q You did a numerical model to try to predict
- 16 the effects of your recirculation well, and that's
- 17 what this document addresses, correct?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q Did you use the same basin model that
- 20 Dr. Graham Fogg did?
- 21 A We started with the basin model, which I
- 22 assume is the same model that he started with.
- 23 Q Did you start with the version of it that
- 24 contained his modifications to the basin model?
- 25 A I don't believe so.

1 Q Did you make your own modifications to the

- 2 basin model?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q Did you determine that the basin model was
- 5 well-calibrated by doing a scatter plot which
- 6 demonstrated that?
- 7 A With the adjustments that we made, we
- 8 obtained good correlation for both the steady state
- 9 and the transient flow conditions with the model.
- 10 Q And where does that scatter plot appear? I
- 11 know I've seen it, but I want to identify it for the
- 12 record.
- 13 A The steady state scatter plot is shown in
- 14 Figure 7 and the steady state comparison of predicted
- 15 and measured piezometric levels is shown in Figure 8,
- 16 and then a comparison of measured and predicted
- 17 groundwater level variations for the transient state
- 18 is shown in Figures 9, 10 and 11 for three different
- 19 wells.
- 20 Q Did you consider the data to have a good
- 21 fit --
- 22 A Yes.
- 24 A Yes. I think the overall conclusion was
- 25 that there was a reasonably good fit between the

- 1 measured and predicted conditions.
- 2 Q So the basin model is a very good starting
- 3 point for modeling this aquifer, correct?
- 4 A As I recall, we did not get initially a good
- 5 match between predicted and actual piezometric
- 6 levels, and that some of the hydraulic properties or
- 7 characteristics of the model had to be adjusted in
- 8 order to get a good fit. I would say the basin model
- 9 was a good start and eliminated a lot of work that
- 10 otherwise would have had to have been done to get to
- 11 the point where we were doing what I would tend to
- 12 characterize a final calibration.
- 13 Q If you look at Figure 7, the data are
- 14 relatively close to the diagonal line across the
- 15 graph which is what tells you that there's a good
- 16 fit. The model is doing a good job of making
- 17 predictions, correct?
- 18 A I would agree with that.
- 19 Q Have you looked at a similar scatter plot
- 20 for the basin model without any modification?
- 21 A Not that I recall. I may have seen one, but
- 22 I don't recall it.
- 23 Q If that scatter plot showed the data tight
- 24 and close to the line just as this one does, that
- 25 would indicate unmodified the basin model has a

- 1 pretty good fit, correct?
- 2 A Potentially. I would have to look at that.
- 3 It would also appear to indicate an
- 4 inconsistency in the response that we got from the
- 5 model unmodified.
- 6 Q Do you have a printout of your scatter plot
- 7 with the model unmodified?
- 8 A No.
- 9 Q What did you change in the model? Is there
- 10 a narrative that describes it somewhere?
- 11 A It's discussed in summary form on page 4 of
- 12 9 near the top beginning with "The initial
- 13 assignment."
- 14 Q And do you believe that the changes to
- 15 boundary conditions described there are the only
- 16 changes you made?
- 17 A No. There were changes to the initial
- 18 hydraulic conductivity parameters to get a better
- 19 match between measured and predicted values.
- Q What did you change it to?
- 21 A I don't know off the top of my head, but
- 22 that information should be contained in the files
- 23 that were produced by Mr. Colby.
- Q Do you have a readme file that explains how
- 25 you changed the file for the basin model to create

- 1 your model?
- 2 A I don't.
- 3 Q Does Mr. Colby?
- 4 A I'm sure he could if I asked him to identify
- 5 in summary form the exact parameters that were
- 6 changed. Although if you look at Figure 6, this
- 7 shows the final hydraulic conductivity distribution
- 8 within the model. So if this were compared to the
- 9 original OCWD model, the changes that were made
- 10 during the calibration should be evident.
- This is a black-and-white copy, at least
- 12 that I have. It's a little harder to read.
- 13 Q I will show you a color copy of Figure 6.
- 14 A Yeah, I don't need it as long as you have
- one. I was just pointing out that the color copy
- 16 should be easier to read.
- 17 Q Okay. This shows that from The District's
- 18 recharge basins you have higher hydraulic
- 19 conductivity to the southwest, which would probably
- 20 represent the historical pattern of the way sediments
- 21 were laid down by the Santa Ana River.
- 22 A The higher velocity flows at least, they are
- 23 going to leave the coarser sediments that have the
- 24 highest hydraulic conductivities.
- Q And that's shown in the darker blue?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q So that shows that from the basins you tend
- 3 to get a southwesterly flow because there are coarser
- 4 materials to the southwest?
- 5 A Well, it at least implies that might be the
- 6 case, but you have to actually run the model and
- 7 incorporate the boundary conditions and the sinks and
- 8 the sources to see if that actually turns out to be
- 9 the case.
- 10 Q Well, the scatter plot data suggests that
- 11 that's true, correct?
- 12 A All the scatter plot does is compare
- 13 measured versus predicted values. It doesn't
- 14 indicate the direction of groundwater flow.
- Q Well, it gives you the heads and when you
- 16 use the heads you get the direction of groundwater
- 17 flow.
- 18 A If you plot the heads and contour them, that
- 19 would give you the direction, yes.
- 20 Q That's the whole point of the model, the
- 21 flow model, is to calculate the head so you can
- 22 determine the direction of flow, correct?
- 23 A I suppose it depends what you are using the
- 24 model for, but that's typically a primary objective,
- 25 yes.

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1 Q Okay. So you would expect that the primary
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- 2 flow of groundwater from the basins shown on Figure 6
- 3 in blue and dark blue to be to the southwest. So it
- 4 dips down below 91 before Raymond Basin or at
- 5 Raymond Basin, correct? I'm referring to Highway 91,
- 6 of course.
- 7 A Yes. If you are talking about the zone of
- 8 highest permeability sediments, yes.
- 9 Q And that's where most of the flow would go?
- 10 A Again, that's one of the reasons why you run
- 11 the model to determine that. If there's a, if you
- 12 will, preferential flow pathway, that would like most
- 13 of the flow to go in that direction.
- 14 O And when the isotope studies were done, you
- 15 reviewed those, correct?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Where they put isotopes that can be traced
- 18 in the environment, like oxygen 18 and xenon, it also
- 19 showed this southwesterly flow pattern.
- 20 A In general, yes, although as I recall, those
- 21 are primarily being traced within the principal
- 22 aquifer which doesn't necessarily have the same flow
- 23 pattern as the shallow.
- Q Isn't this inconsistent with -- never mind.
- 25 At the end of your report at page 8 of 9,

- 1 you state "The average linear groundwater velocity
- 2 simulated in the shallow aquifer is approximately
- 3 4.5 feet per day, "correct?
- 4 A Yes. This was at the location where we were
- 5 doing the recirculation well monitoring, not
- 6 basin-wide.
- 7 Q That's on the Northrop property?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q And is it closest, just so the record is
- 10 clear, to Y-12?
- 11 A Is what closest to Y-12?
- 12 O The recirculation well.
- 13 A Yes. It's on the Y-12, or former Y-12
- 14 property.
- 15 Q There's no recirculation well or other
- 16 groundwater remediation being conducted with respect
- 17 to EMD, correct?
- 18 A Not that I'm aware of.
- 19 Q None has ever been done, to your knowledge?
- 20 A Correct.
- 21 Q Now, you state at page 7 of 9 that the
- 22 recirculation model indicates a capture width of
- 23 approximately 175 feet upgradient.
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q The width would tend to narrow as you

- 1 approach the recirculation well?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 O So that would be the maximum width?
- 4 A I believe that reference is to the maximum
- 5 predicted width.
- 6 Q And I take it this model accurately reflects
- 7 the pumping pattern that was projected for the
- 8 recirculation well?
- 9 A I would say that it gets close, but I would
- 10 say that the actual zone of influence from the well
- 11 that we've seen throughout its operation is slightly
- 12 larger or wider than is predicted by the model. And
- 13 that's discussed, I think, in the Y-12 site summary
- 14 report.
- 15 Q If you look at page 7 of 9, you also state
- 16 "Particle tracking simulations" -- this is about five
- 17 lines from the bottom -- "predict that approximately
- 18 47 percent of groundwater is recirculation from lower
- 19 (injection) screen back to the upper (pumping) screen
- 20 interval. This is generally consistent with field
- 21 circulation (sic) measurements, " correct?
- 22 A Yes. That's what it says.
- Q Is that accurate?
- 24 A I guess it means or it depends upon what you
- 25 mean by "generally consistent." I would say yes,

- 1 it's probably accurate.
- What's been measured, as far as the
- 3 recirculation percentage, is I believe it's
- 4 42 percent and what's predicted by the model here was
- 5 47 percent. So the model's predicting a slightly
- 6 higher rate of recirculation.
- 7 Q We'll take that as a range for the moment.
- 8 Doesn't that mean that the net pumping of
- 9 the well is something like 60 percent of the pumped
- 10 rate because of recirculation?
- 11 A As far as virgin groundwater, if you will,
- 12 that's being drawn into the well?
- 13 Q Yes.
- 14 A That's reasonable, yes.
- 15 Q If you multiply that pumping rate by
- 16 60 percent or so, something in that range, taking
- 17 into account the recirculation factor, how does that
- 18 compare to the extraction well pumping pattern in
- 19 terms of the amount of water treated?
- 20 A I'm not sure what you are asking.
- 21 Q You are familiar with The District's
- 22 extraction wells and Rob Greenwald's predictions on
- 23 how they need to be pumped over time to capture the
- 24 plumes?
- 25 A In general, yes.

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1 Q How does that compare to the actual pumping
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- 2 rate of virgin water, in this case contaminated
- 3 water, in the recirculation well?
- 4 A As I recall, the proposed extraction rate
- 5 from those wells was on the order of, oh, in round
- 6 numbers, perhaps 500 GPM to 700 GPM per well.
- 7 Q We'll accept that range.
- 8 How does that compare to the recirculation
- 9 well?
- 10 A It would be much higher.
- 11 Q Much higher than what?
- 12 A Than 60 GPM pump rate, or actually 65 I
- 13 think we're operating at now --
- Q So the distance --
- MR. SLOME: Let him answer the question. Okay.
- 16 THE WITNESS: -- versus, in round numbers, a 40
- 17 GPM extraction rate for virgin groundwater at the
- 18 circulation well, although we're somewhat comparing
- 19 apples to oranges since there are two different
- 20 mechanisms. As we discussed yesterday, The OCWD
- 21 wells are intended to at least attempt to establish
- 22 hydraulic control, and that's not the purpose of the
- 23 recirculation well.
- 24 BY MR. MILLER:
- 25 Q Basically the recirculation well is designed

- 1 to deal with less than a tenth the amount of water
- 2 that The District's extraction wells treat.
- 3 A It would process less than a tenth of what's
- 4 being proposed by The District.
- 5 Q Wouldn't that mean it would take ten times
- 6 longer to clean up an extraction -- strike that.
- 7 Wouldn't that mean it would take ten times
- 8 longer for the recirculation well to clean up the
- 9 same amount of groundwater as one of The District's
- 10 extraction wells?
- 11 A Not necessarily, no. If you look at the
- 12 efficiency of a well as a function of its pumping
- 13 rate, and we ran pump tests on the recirculation well
- 14 at flow rates up to 150 GPM, the radius of influence
- 15 that it has and the efficiency of the well drops off
- 16 due to hydraulic inefficiencies as you get to the
- 17 higher pumping rates. So it's not a linear
- 18 relationship where I can say the benefit that we get
- 19 from this well at 60 GPM is only half of the benefit
- 20 we get if it was being operated at 120.
- Q Well, let's do it this way: Did you look at
- 22 the width of the capture zone of The District's
- 23 extraction wells and compare it to the recirculation
- 24 well, which is modeled at 175 feet, you said maybe
- 25 200 in the real world, in width?

- 1 A Perhaps even a little bit larger than that.
- 2 But in any event, it's going to be smaller than the
- 3 zone of influence, if you will, that would be
- 4 imparted by The District's wells.
- 5 Q Basically The District's extraction wells
- 6 are designed to capture and treat a larger volume of
- 7 water than the recirculation well, correct?
- 8 A Yes, I think that's a fair statement.
- 9 Q What is the cost of the recirculation well?
- 10 A What have we spent to date developing all of
- 11 the equipment and procedures that are used in it or
- 12 what's the cost --
- 13 Q I want the total cost, including whatever
- 14 environmental consulting services were involved, any
- 15 costs of construction, any costs of installation, any
- 16 cost of operation or maintenance. Do you know?
- 17 A I don't off the top of my head. It looks
- 18 like you got a copy of our invoice in front of you
- 19 that relate to our work on that project, and that
- 20 would include all of our costs associated with the
- 21 circulation well.
- 22 Q But you are not the only firm that worked on
- 23 it.
- 24 A Correct.
- 25 Q So this would only be part of the costs.

- 1 A Correct.
- 2 MR. MILLER: And I'll mark that document now.
- 3 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 34 was
- 4 marked for identification and is
- 5 attached hereto.)
- 6 BY MR. MILLER:
- 7 Q For consulting services alone, it was
- 8 \$463,000 plus change, correct?
- 9 A Yes and no.
- 10 Q That's what your records show your firm
- 11 billed for that activity.
- 12 A Yes. I should clarify, "consulting
- 13 services" include design, testing, fabrication of the
- 14 components as well under the term "consulting
- 15 services."
- 16 So this includes all of the bench scale
- 17 testing, all of the field testing, all of the design
- 18 activities, the fabrication of the advanced oxidation
- 19 treatment system, the installation of that system and
- 20 our participation in the operation of that system as
- 21 well as all of the laboratory analytical costs.
- 22 Q What other firms billed on the same project?
- 23 A Orion Environmental.
- Q What firm did the drilling?
- 25 A I believe that was done by Cascade through a

- 1 contract with Orion Environmental.
- 2 Q They were a subcontractor?
- 3 A I believe so.
- 4 Q What other contractors or subcontractors
- 5 worked on the project?
- 6 A There was a company called APT that I
- 7 believe was a subcontractor to Orion, and there would
- 8 have been an analytical laboratory that we discussed
- 9 yesterday that would have been a subcontractor to
- 10 Orion.
- 11 Q Associated?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Have you done anything to total up all of
- 14 the bills associated with recirculation well?
- 15 A I don't know what Orion's total costs are,
- 16 if that's what you are asking, no.
- 17 Q Including the bills from the subcontractors?
- 18 A Including Orion's subcontractors. I should
- 19 say our -- included in our consulting are
- 20 subcontractors as well; the Exova lab costs, the rig
- 21 that we have used periodically to remove the advanced
- 22 treatment system from the well casing and any other
- 23 subcontractors that we've used are included in this
- 24 cost.
- 25 Q So do you have any estimate of the total

- 1 cost?
- 2 A No. I would have to get the numbers from
- 3 Orion. I don't know what their expenditures are.
- 4 Q And you've never been told?
- 5 A No, I don't believe so.
- 6 MR. SLOME: We've been going for about an hour
- 7 and a half. Is this a good time?
- 8 MR. MILLER: Yes, it is. I was about to change
- 9 subjects.
- 10 MR. SLOME: I figured.
- 11 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're going off the record.
- 12 The time is 2:28.
- 13 (Off the record.)
- 14 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This now begins disk
- 15 number 4, Volume 2, in the deposition of Glenn
- 16 Tofani. We are now back on the record. The time is
- 17 2:42.
- 18 BY MR. MILLER:
- 19 Q Mr. Tofani, you came up with a critique of
- 20 the cost analysis done by Tetra Tech, correct?
- 21 A Yes. I don't know if I would necessarily
- 22 characterize it as a critique. But yes, I guess
- 23 that's fair, comparison or an evaluation.
- Q Well, your evaluation is roughly half of
- 25 their estimates.

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1 A Perhaps a little less on the maintenance
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- 2 task but as far as the capital costs, yes.
- 3 Q Less than half on the maintenance.
- 4 A On O&M. I believe it was less than half on
- 5 O&M.
- 6 Q Did you obtain quotes from third parties for
- 7 the claimed cost of items that are purchased from
- 8 third parties?
- 9 A Typically, yes.
- 10 Q Is that identified in some way in the
- 11 report?
- 12 A Yes. I believe there are attachments that
- 13 show quotes from pump manufacturers and activated
- 14 carbon suppliers and ion exchange suppliers.
- 15 MR. MILLER: We'll mark as the next exhibit the
- 16 document entitled "Critical Review of Tetra Tech Cost
- 17 Estimates."
- 18 Q This is different than what I was given at
- 19 the beginning of the deposition?
- 20 A I think it's the same except for the title.
- 21 MR. SLOME: What number is it?
- MR. MILLER: Exhibit 35.
- 23 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 35 was
- 24 marked for identification and is
- 25 attached hereto.)

1 THE WITNESS: It's just the cover page that's

- 2 different.
- 3 BY MR. MILLER:
- 4 Q Let's take the carbon cost.
- 5 What is your opinion for the costs of
- 6 appropriate carbon for this system?
- 7 A Those two are summarized -- the activated
- 8 carbon costs are summarized on page 2 of the table
- 9 entitled "Evaluation of Capital Costs of OCWD Seven
- 10 Well Recovery System." And it looks like for that
- 11 line item -- I've got a reduced scale table so it's a
- 12 little bit more difficult for me to read.
- 13 But it looks like our costs for that item
- 14 are identical, I believe, to the Tetra Tech cost
- 15 estimate at 1.665 million.
- 16 Q Is that for the carbon or the vessels?
- 17 A I believe that was for the vessels filled.
- 18 Q All right. For replacement carbon, where
- 19 is -- as part of the O&M cost.
- 20 A That would be in the other table, page 1 of
- 21 Table 2. There it looked like Tetra Tech had a cost
- 22 estimate of \$1.195 million per year, and our costs
- 23 were roughly 10 percent of that, much lower.
- 24 Q Why?
- 25 A Looking at the available data, I don't

1 believe the carbon usage would be anywhere as near

- 2 what is reflected by this number.
- 3 Q What is the cost per pound for carbon that
- 4 you used?
- 5 A It looks like a dollar 38 a pound.
- 6 Q And when did you get that estimate?
- 7 A November 21st, 2008.
- 8 Q Is that a current accurate estimate?
- 9 A This document is dated February 24th, 2009.
- 10 Q Who is it from?
- 11 A Oh, the estimate itself? Siemens.
- 12 Q Didn't Mr. Tedesco obtain a more current
- 13 estimate from Siemens that's significantly higher
- than a dollar 38 a pound?
- 15 A I don't recall.
- 16 Q Do you know what's happened to carbon
- 17 tariffs that affected the price of carbon?
- 18 A The price of coconuts have gone up, I
- 19 understand.
- Q No. We imposed a 60 percent tariff on
- 21 Chinese carbon that was flooding the market and
- 22 depressing prices. Do you know anything about that?
- 23 A I do recognize that activated carbon costs
- 24 have gone up somewhat in the last couple years.
- Q Somewhat? What are current costs?

1 A I don't believe we're paying over \$2 a pound

- 2 for activated carbon.
- 3 Q So you would be surprised to hear that
- 4 Siemens' current quote is 2.20 a pound, 20 cents a
- 5 pound?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Why did you use an out-of-date estimate from
- 8 Siemens when Mr. Tedesco used a current estimate from
- 9 Siemens?
- 10 A We're reviewing a document that was prepared
- 11 in February 24th, 2009. This estimate was current
- 12 when this document was prepared.
- Q Why didn't you update it?
- 14 A I've not completed my review and assessment
- of the more recent Tedesco documents.
- 16 Q Didn't the cost of steel go up over the same
- 17 period of time?
- 18 A Not significantly, that I'm aware of.
- 19 Q Hasn't the cost of steel and cement been
- 20 affected by China significantly over the last several
- 21 years?
- 22 A The cost of cement has gone up as a result
- 23 of their infrastructure and dam construction
- 24 somewhat, but it's also been depressed to some degree
- 25 at the same time by the recession.

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1 Q What date do you have for the cost of the
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- 2 vessels?
- 3 A The carbon vessels?
- 4 O Yes.
- 5 A I believe it's the same time period.
- 6 Q As?
- 7 A It's going to be late 2008 price quotes.
- 8 Q Do you plan to update this report to reflect
- 9 more current costs so that I would be wasting my time
- 10 to go through this?
- 11 A Yes to the first part and probably to the
- 12 second part.
- Q The labor costs --
- MR. SLOME: But you are going to waste your time
- 15 anyway.
- MR. MILLER: There's a reason.
- 17 Q Are you familiar with the fact that
- 18 The District is required by law to pay prevailing
- 19 wage?
- 20 A That's my understanding, yes.
- 21 Q So whether they do the work in-house or out,
- 22 they may have to pay more than private parties would
- 23 that don't have to pay prevailing wages?
- 24 A Potentially.
- Q Does that have anything to do with your much

- 1 lower estimate for the hourly cost of maintenance
- 2 workers and the total cost with a markup?
- 3 I'm looking at page 5 of the exhibit.
- 4 A Which line item? I'm sorry.
- 5 Q The -- well, we can start at item 20, the
- 6 plant operator.
- 7 A Okay.
- 8 Q In order to be the plant operator for this
- 9 plant, do you have to be certified by the state to a
- 10 certain grade?
- 11 A I don't know if that's something that the
- 12 state would require.
- 13 Q What is the normal certification required
- 14 for a water treatment operator who is acting as the
- 15 primary person responsible for the project and
- 16 supervises others?
- 17 A I haven't seen any state requirements in
- 18 that regard for this type of system.
- 19 Q What is the normal certification that you
- 20 use for treating water? Any, do you know?
- 21 MR. SLOME: Objection; vague and ambiguous,
- 22 assumes facts.
- 23 THE WITNESS: Are you talking about a
- 24 groundwater remediation system or are you talking
- 25 about a water treatment system that's being used to

- 1 generate potable water for sale?
- 2 BY MR. MILLER:
- 4 applicable to groundwater treatment systems that are
- 5 not used to generate potable water?
- 6 A Not that I'm aware of.
- 7 Q If The District uses a certified operator,
- 8 what would the grade be, fitting the description I
- 9 just mentioned?
- 10 A I don't know.
- 11 Q Is the cost of 90,000 a year sufficient to
- 12 cover a certified operator?
- 13 A I would hope so.
- Q Do you know what they're paid?
- 15 A I don't know what The District pays its
- 16 certified operators.
- 17 Q Do you know what anyone in Orange County
- 18 pays certified operators, grade 4 or 5?
- 19 A We have personnel that work for GeoKinetics
- 20 that operate systems not of this size but water
- 21 treatment systems, extraction treatment systems, that
- 22 are not paid anywheres near that salary. I know many
- 23 other consultants have people that perform similar
- 24 tasks that are not paid anywheres near that salary.
- 25 Q And do they operate systems that use ozone?

- 1 A In some instances they have, yes.
- 2 Q Have there been some well-known incidents
- 3 involving ozone where there were hazards involved,
- 4 including wells blowing up?
- 5 A There are hazards with ozone. I don't know
- 6 of well explosions.
- 7 Q Casings coming out of the ground?
- 8 A Not that I know of. I'm not saying they
- 9 don't exist, I'm saying I'm not familiar with them.
- 10 Q Ozone systems have unique hazards and you
- 11 have to have an experienced person to know how to
- 12 prevent accidents involving that chemical, correct?
- 13 A Yes. It's potentially toxic. There are
- 14 hazards with it.
- 15 Q Are you --
- 16 A We were discussing this, though --
- 17 I'm not sure of the relevance because this
- 18 system doesn't involve ozone that I recall.
- 19 Q What is The District using besides
- 20 ultraviolet light and carbon?
- 21 A Hydrogen peroxide.
- Q Does hydrogen peroxide have hazards?
- 23 A It has to be handled carefully. It can
- 24 cause burns. It can release oxygen which can cause
- 25 problems as well.

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1 Q Hydrogen peroxide in its pure form as used
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- 2 by The District is a solid or a liquid?
- 3 A The hydrogen peroxide that is normally
- 4 supplied is typically supplied as a liquid and not in
- 5 pure form. Usually at a concentration of 30 to
- 6 40 percent it becomes unstable in its pure form. In
- 7 fact, it was used by the Germans as rocket fuel in
- 8 its pure form during the second World War II.
- 9 Q As an oxidant?
- 10 A Yes, with alcohol.
- 11 Q At item 21 you say the markup rate is high?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Are you applying your own markup rate of
- 14 40 percent?
- 15 A In this estimate?
- 16 Q Yes.
- 17 A Yeah. We used the 40 percent markup in this
- 18 estimate.
- 19 Q Do you know what The District's employees
- 20 receive in the way of benefits?
- 21 A No.
- 22 Q Is that the markup that was used?
- 23 A What do you mean?
- Q No. The 65 percent, do you know if they
- 25 were using pensions, medical benefits, vacation

1 benefits and assigned support staff and office costs

- 2 to do the markup?
- 3 A I don't believe that's set forth in their
- 4 estimate that I reviewed.
- 5 Q Do you know where they got the 65 percent
- 6 from?
- 7 A No.
- 8 Q So how do you know if it's wrong if you
- 9 don't know what the components are?
- 10 A I know what a typical reasonable markup is
- 11 that I see in this capacity.
- 12 Q Do you know what The District has to pay its
- 13 employees under the agreement with its employees?
- 14 A No.
- 15 O If The District has decided to use its own
- 16 employees, would it be appropriate to use their
- 17 actual benefit costs?
- 18 A I'm hesitating in that inherent in that
- 19 question it assumes that it's reasonable for
- 20 The District to use its own employees.
- 21 Q Well, are you going to tell them who to use
- 22 to do this project?
- 23 A If their markups are realistically this
- 24 high, it may not make economic sense for them to use
- 25 their own employees if they could outsource it more

- 1 economically.
- 2 Q To do that they have to go to bidding,
- 3 correct?
- 4 A I don't know if they could sole source this
- 5 or not.
- 6 Q They would normally have to sole source
- 7 contracts involving professional services -- well,
- 8 strike that.
- 9 Do you know if The District has ever sole
- 10 sourced a contract of this type?
- 11 A I don't.
- 13 paid after bidding for this type of service?
- 14 A When they've outsourced it? No.
- Q Are you familiar with The District's
- 16 participation in the cleanup program they call the
- 17 DeSalter project?
- 18 A No.
- 19 Q Do you know what their costs are?
- 20 A The District's? No.
- 21 Q Do you know what the costs of the DeSalter
- 22 project are?
- 23 A No.
- Q Have you ever assisted the Orange County
- 25 Water District with any type of estimate before?

- 1 A Not that I can think of.
- 2 Q Are you a cost estimating engineer?
- 3 A I perform cost estimates almost every day.
- 4 Q You are familiar with the fact that within
- 5 the discipline of civil engineers there are cost
- 6 estimating engineers that are specialists in that
- 7 field and have special certifications and continuing
- 8 education programs?
- 9 A I'm not familiar with a category cost
- 10 estimating engineer, no.
- 11 Q Is there a professional society for cost
- 12 estimating engineers?
- 13 A Not that I'm familiar with.
- 14 Q And certainly you are not a member of one?
- 15 A No.
- 16 Q Do you know Mr. Tedesco?
- 17 A No.
- 18 Q Do you know if he has specialization in the
- 19 field of cost estimation?
- 20 A I'm not familiar with his background.
- 21 Q Are you a specialist in that field?
- 22 A I would say yes. I'm a licensed contractor.
- 23 I own a company that provides construction services.
- 24 As I said previously, I, in that capacity, am
- 25 involved in cost estimating on construction projects

- 1 on a daily basis.
- 2 Q At page 10, at the bottom --
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 O -- Tetra Tech has the cost of construction
- 5 or capital cost at 42.7 million and your estimate is
- 6 20.4.
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q At page 5 of the exhibit, for O&M,
- 9 Tetra Tech estimates the O&M cost at 5.6 million.
- 10 You estimate it at 1.8.
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q Substantial differences.
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q So your firm would be willing to sign a
- 15 contract at a fixed price to do all of this work for
- 16 less than half the cost Tetra Tech estimates it will
- 17 take to do the job consistent with The District's
- 18 requirements?
- 19 A I would be happy to provide an estimate for
- 20 the current system to do that.
- 21 Q And can your firm take the \$20 million loss
- 22 on capital costs if you are wrong?
- 23 A Probably not.
- Q Tetra Tech is a somewhat larger firm?
- 25 A Yes.

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1 Q Substantially larger?
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- 2 A I don't know their full size, but probably,
- 3 yes.
- 4 Q When you did your cost estimate, did you
- 5 attempt to use the same materials and quality of
- 6 materials that Tetra Tech did?
- 7 A We tried to use like-in-kind comparable
- 8 components.
- 9 Q You have an estimate for a variable speed
- 10 drive pump for a well that's substantially different
- 11 than theirs. Look at page 2, item 6.
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q 1,125 gallon-per-minute pump and motor with
- 14 a variable speed drive you estimate at a total cost
- 15 of 35,000 and they estimate it at 120-?
- 16 A You are at item 6, did you say?
- 17 O Yes.
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q That's not the kind of difference you see
- 20 for the same equipment, is it?
- 21 A It's a fairly large difference in estimated
- 22 cost.
- 23 Q Yes.
- 24 If you went to two vendors for the same
- 25 equipment, you would not get two numbers in that

- 1 range of difference?
- 2 A Well, it's not just a single piece of
- 3 equipment. It's an assembly with an installation
- 4 cost.
- 5 Q Did you compare what Tetra Tech selected as
- 6 the appropriate equipment and make sure that you
- 7 developed an estimate for a similar piece of
- 8 equipment with respect to this item?
- 9 A I believe so. We took the specifications
- 10 that were available in the Tetra Tech estimate and
- 11 got cost estimates from suppliers for equipment with
- 12 the same specifications.
- 13 Q Okay. Where is that in your backup?
- 14 A The pump costs estimate looks like it starts
- 15 on A-19, page A-19.
- 16 Q Why did you white out part of page A-19?
- 17 A What makes you think part of A-19 has been
- 18 whited out?
- 19 Q It may be because I have the original.
- 20 If that isn't Wite-Out, I don't see it a lot
- 21 these days, but it sure looks like Wite-Out to me.
- 22 If it isn't, it's tape.
- 23 A Yeah. I believe it is tape, and I don't
- 24 know. It looks like it just indicates that it was
- 25 submitted to us and it's got our fax number on it.

- 1 Q Your figure is for a 750 gallon per minute
- 2 variable frequency drive equipment.
- I'm looking at page A-19, if that helps you.
- 4 A I know there were separate estimates
- 5 obtained for each of the different size pumps that
- 6 was specified.
- 7 The larger pump, 1100 GPM, is A-1 through
- 8 A-4. And beginning at A-5 there's a different size,
- 9 a smaller pump, 800 GPM. Beginning at A-8 is a 625
- 10 GPM pump.
- 11 Q At A-1 I see a motor with 100 horsepower,
- 12 correct? Could you just turn to Shaw Pump & Supply,
- 13 page A-1?
- 14 A I'm at page A-1.
- 15 Q It says for 100 horsepower motor.
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Third item.
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q So where is the page for a 1,125 horsepower
- 20 motor?
- 21 A There's no component that's specified with
- 22 1,125 horsepower. That would not fit down a well
- 23 casing.
- Q Paragraph 6, "Furnish and install 1,125
- 25 gallon per minute pump and motor for Well #1."

- 1 A Yes. 100 GPM -- I'm sorry. A 100
- 2 horsepower pump, which is spec here, is a 1,125 GPM
- 3 pump, not 1,125 horsepower.
- 4 Q Okay. Do you think you can attain a
- 5 125 gallons per minute from the well -- the
- 6 extraction well designed by The District that would
- 7 pump 1,125 gallons per minute with a variable speed
- 8 drive?
- 9 A Yes. I believe this pump would work. The
- 10 flow curve for the pump is provided on page A-4. I'm
- 11 looking at the flow curve. It's 100. So at --
- 12 depending upon which 100 horsepower model's been
- 13 specified, this pump will move specified capacity of
- 14 water at a head of approximately 300 -- no, order of
- 15 300 feet of head.
- 16 Q With a significant loss of efficiency over
- 17 125 horsepower motor according to this chart,
- 18 correct? You get higher efficiency with 125?
- 19 A Slightly, yes.
- 20 Q You can pay for a pump with the cost of
- 21 electricity from a project like this?
- 22 A The cost between a 100 and 125 horsepower
- 23 motor is going to be nominal.
- Q Yes. But the loss of efficiency and the
- 25 increased cost of electrical power consumption can be

- 1 significant over a long period of time, correct?
- 2 A Potentially.
- 3 Q Did you compare the change in electrical
- 4 consumption costs with lower horsepower motor?
- 5 A We calculated the electrical consumption
- 6 costs for the components that were specified.
- 7 Q Which pump did you select from Shaw Pump &
- 8 Supply?
- 9 A For the high-capacity pump, it's specified
- 10 as a Model 1100S1000-2.
- 11 Q And where does that appear on the pump
- 12 efficiency charts?
- 13 A It's the lower of the curve for the 200
- 14 horsepower models that are presented.
- 15 Q Which curve? There's more than one. I see
- 16 more than one performance curve.
- 17 A It's labeled as "1100S1000-2."
- 18 Q Yeah, which -- I'm sorry, page A what?
- 19 A Oh, 4.
- 20 Q 1100S what?
- 21 A 1000-2.
- 22 Q So on the pump efficiency rating, that's the
- 23 fourth item down?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q And three other pumps are rated with higher

- 1 efficiencies?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q And the one labeled most efficient range,
- 4 600 to 1400 gallons per minute, is 125 horse pump at
- 5 the top?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q And you didn't select it?
- 8 A Correct. That's not what was costed.
- 9 Q So electrical efficiency wasn't important in
- 10 your selection?
- 11 MR. SLOME: Objection; misstates the testimony,
- 12 argumentative.
- 13 THE WITNESS: It was considered in the cost.
- 14 BY MR. MILLER:
- 15 Q Is it fair to say you did not consider
- 16 The District's actual labor costs for its employees
- 17 and markups at all in doing your estimate?
- 18 MR. SLOME: Asked and answered.
- 19 THE WITNESS: I considered what I believed to be
- 20 typical and reasonable costs for the skills of a
- 21 person who had the capabilities to operate this type
- of system.
- 23 BY MR. MILLER:
- Q Item 17, resin, you provided for onsite
- 25 regeneration for the brine?

- 1 A You are in the capital costs or the O&M?
- Q O&M, paragraph 17. You have a significantly
- 3 different estimate than Tetra Tech. They are at
- 4 1.478 million and you are at 200,000 a year.
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 O Did you change their estimate of the amount
- 7 of brine that needs to be disposed of each day at
- 8 15,000 gallons per day?
- 9 A That's a different line item, line item 18
- 10 you are referring to now?
- 11 Q No, I'm not talking about the brine disposal
- 12 fee. I'm talking about the volume of brine which is
- 13 the fourth line up from the bottom of paragraph 17.
- 14 Did you agree with their estimate on the
- 15 amount of brine in gallons each day that needed to be
- 16 dealt with as a part of this project? They had it at
- 17 15,000 gallons, or do you?
- 18 A I believe they had it at 179,264 gallons of
- 19 water that they were going to backflush and basically
- 20 put down the sewer per day.
- 21 Q To dispose of the brine?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q How are you going to separate the brine from
- 24 the water?
- 25 A I'm not sure what you are asking.

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1 Q You propose a regenerative salt and filter
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- 2 media disposal replacement?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q That's onsite regeneration of the brine?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q You don't propose to dispose of the water
- 7 containing brine at all. You want to regenerate?
- 8 A The water containing brine would be disposed
- 9 of, but the quantity is much lower, about 90 percent
- 10 lower than their estimate.
- 11 Q So did you include both the disposal cost
- 12 and the cost of operating onsite regeneration?
- 13 A The disposal cost is covered under item 18.
- 14 Q Is there a reason that people tend not to
- 15 use onsite regeneration of brine and salt?
- 16 A It generates a lot of wastewater.
- 17 Q Any other reason they tend not to do onsite
- 18 regeneration?
- 19 A It takes space, it's labor intensive.
- 20 Q You are going to cover both regeneration and
- 21 the cost including labor for 200,000 a year?
- 22 A Not including brine disposal, yes.
- 23 Q Why is your estimate so much different than
- 24 Tetra Tech's for the same item?
- 25 A I believe their values are high. Their

- 1 costs are high.
- 2 Q They have backup for their costs, correct?
- 3 They told you exactly where they got their numbers
- 4 from and they supplied third-party figures?
- 5 A Not in all cases, no.
- 6 Q They did here.
- 7 A I don't believe there's backup for all of
- 8 their numbers. I think some of them are subjective
- 9 based on overly conservative operating assumptions.
- 10 Q Did you assume that the extraction wells
- 11 would operate at lower rates?
- 12 A No.
- 13 Q That the concentrations of contaminants in
- 14 the extraction wells would be different?
- 15 A Different from what?
- 16 Q From what they estimated.
- 17 A My estimates of what would be contained in
- 18 the extraction wells was based on the pump tests in
- 19 the summary table I gave you yesterday. I don't know
- 20 if it was identical to theirs. I believe they were
- 21 conservative in some of their contaminant
- 22 concentration assumptions, particularly with respect
- 23 to carbon loading.
- Q What do you mean by "carbon loading"? Are
- 25 you talking about carbon utilization?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q Aren't there standard figures available on
- 3 carbon utilization rates in the published literature?
- 4 A As far as the absorption capacity of the
- 5 carbon, yes.
- 6 Q Did you take into account total organic
- 7 carbon in your estimates?
- 8 A In the effluent water or influent water?
- 9 Q In the influent water.
- 10 A Yes. All of the water analytical data that
- 11 was available was provided to Siemens and other
- 12 parties, as I recall, to provide estimates on the
- 13 activated carbon performance and what would be
- 14 required for this project.
- 15 Q So how did you get different numbers out of
- 16 Siemens than Tetra Tech did? Did you change the
- 17 information given to them?
- 18 A Well, as far as the activated carbon
- 19 installation costs and the vessel costs, which we
- 20 looked at first, I believe the estimates were
- 21 identical in that regard.
- Q For Tetra Tech and your firm?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 But as far as how long the carbon would last
- 25 and how often it would have to be replaced, I think

- 1 they were replacing it much more often than we were.
- 2 Q But the carbon cost that Tetra Tech used
- 3 came from Siemens.
- 4 A As far as the replacement cost?
- 5 Q Yes.
- 6 A As did ours.
- 7 Q So how did Siemens come up with two numbers
- 8 this far apart? Didn't you give them different
- 9 information than Tetra Tech did on how the system
- 10 would be operated and what it would have to deal with
- in terms of contaminants?
- 12 A No, I don't believe so.
- 13 Q You are claiming that Siemens gave two
- 14 disparate numbers with the same information?
- 15 A We provided them with The OCWD extraction
- 16 well testing results and other water quality data.
- 17 Q Did you check to see if you provided them
- 18 with the same information that Tetra Tech did?
- 19 A I don't recall.
- Q Well, if your estimate is at 1 -- I'm sorry.
- 21 If your estimate is at 200,000 a year and
- 22 their estimate is at 1.478, wouldn't you want to
- 23 check to see why the numbers are different?
- 24 A I'm sure we checked the numbers.
- Q Why are they different?

1 A I believe that their carbon loading rate

- 2 that they assumed is too high.
- 3 Q Did they get it from Tetra Tech -- sorry.
- 4 Did they get it from Siemens?
- 5 A It looks to me --
- 6 I'm looking at the notes on pages 2 and 3.
- 7 It looks to me like they were assuming that they
- 8 would not be removing any of the VOCs with the
- 9 advanced oxidation system and that all of the VOCs,
- 10 or the vast majority of the VOCs would have to be
- 11 removed by the activated carbon.
- 12 Q What do you base that on?
- 13 A My recollection is that is how they had set
- 14 up their treatment train.
- 15 Q In what sequence?
- 16 A Activated carbon followed by advanced
- 17 oxidation.
- 18 Q Do you know if they did cost analysis on
- 19 whether or not that was the most appropriate
- 20 sequencing?
- 21 A I don't recall off the top of my head. That
- 22 would not be the most appropriate sequencing.
- Q What would be?
- 24 A The other way around.
- Q Have you done a cost analysis on that?

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1 A I looked at the cost options under both
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- 2 scenarios. If you put the advanced oxidation first,
- 3 it takes the exact same amount of electricity to run
- 4 the advanced oxidation system, or at least similar
- 5 amounts, whether it's before or after the activated
- 6 carbon. The power to operate the UV lamp is the
- 7 same. If you put it in front of the activated
- 8 carbon, you can eliminate the vast majority, probably
- 9 90 percent plus of the VOCs from the waste stream
- 10 with the advanced oxidation system, and that
- 11 dramatically reduces the carbon loading.
- 12 I believe they -- from my recollection, they
- 13 were running the waste stream through the activated
- 14 carbon first and then through the advanced oxidation
- 15 system second.
- 16 Q Did you check that and make sure that was
- 17 the sequence?
- 18 A I believe that was the initial sequence. I
- 19 would have to look at their documents, their initial
- 20 documents, but I believe that was the sequence. I
- 21 believe that may have been reversed in their more
- 22 recent design.
- 23 Q So you haven't done an estimate with the
- 24 more recent design?
- 25 A Correct.

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1 Q Who operates a regeneration system for brine
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- 2 for \$200,000 a year?
- 3 A That was an estimate we obtained from
- 4 Purolite, one of the media suppliers.
- 5 Q Does that cover the labor cost?
- 6 A It was a cost that they said they would
- 7 provide that service for.
- 8 Q Where is that?
- 9 A I see one estimate on page A-81.
- 10 Q Isn't this for perchlorate at page 81?
- 11 A The second paragraph talks about the nitrate
- 12 removal after the perchlorate.
- Q Did you use those numbers?
- 14 A I don't recall if these were the numbers
- 15 that were used or if we had another bid off the top
- of my head.
- 17 Q That document in the paragraph you
- 18 identified says "The budget price for the nitrate
- 19 removal system would be 1.4 million," which is much
- 20 closer to Tetra Tech's number of 1.478 than your
- 21 200,000.
- 22 A We did use 1.4 million in our estimate in
- 23 Table 1, page 2, as for the capital costs that they
- 24 are referencing.
- Q Did you use the \$360,000 number they

- 1 reference for the costs of replacement resin?
- 2 A My recollection is we talked to them about
- 3 the treatment standards and the percentage of the
- 4 flow that could be slip-streamed, that that number
- 5 was adjusted downward. And I believe that's where
- 6 the 200,000 estimate came from.
- 7 Q Turn to page A-74.
- 8 A Got it.
- 9 Q A little over halfway down it says "Please
- 10 note that using the ultraviolet/OX" --
- I guess that's hydrogen peroxide?
- 12 A Ultraviolet advanced oxidation system.
- 13 Q -- "installed upstream of the liquid
- 14 granular activated charcoal system can produce
- 15 operational issues. Specifically, the peroxide can
- 16 result in oxygen pockets within the GAC bed. These
- 17 oxygen pockets can cause air-binding which could lead
- 18 to excessive pressure drop or potentially cause
- 19 channeling."
- 20 Are you familiar with that issue?
- 21 A I'm familiar with that potential, yes.
- 22 Q Channeling is a way to effectively bypass
- 23 efficient carbon sorption?
- 24 A Yes.
- Q Which could lead to a premature change-out

- 1 of the carbon?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q Higher carbon utilization?
- 4 A If it occurs, yes.
- 5 Q Do you know if the residual peroxide going
- 6 through the carbon bed would use up carbon?
- 7 A There would be no residual peroxide going
- 8 through the carbon bed. That's how this issue would
- 9 be resolved.
- 10 Q They state "Residual peroxide concentration
- 11 is the primary component which influences the amount
- of oxygen released within the carbon bed."
- 13 A Yes. You would not --
- 14 Ideally you would not want to have residual
- 15 peroxide going into the GAC filters. But then the UV
- 16 system can be easily configured -- in fact, the
- 17 intent of the UV system is to configure it so that it
- 18 completely destroys all of the peroxide. That's how
- 19 it's set up with the recirculation well. There's no
- 20 peroxide in the effluent from the system.
- 21 Q When are you going to finish your work on
- 22 updating your estimate?
- 23 A I would expect to do that before the next
- 24 session of my deposition.
- 25 Q How long is that going to take? In other

- 1 words, if I reset the deposition in a week, is that
- 2 too soon to get this work finished so that I have it?
- 3 A I believe this is something that I can
- 4 probably do in two or three days. The trick is going
- 5 to be finding two or three days to do it.
- 6 Q Yes. Well, given the fact that life is what
- 7 it is, when do you think you will be done?
- 8 A I think I could have it done in two weeks.
- 9 I can have it done sooner if it needs to be done
- 10 sooner. It's partially dependent upon the schedule
- 11 of upcoming trials.
- 12 O Other than this one?
- 13 A All of the above.
- 14 Q How much has your firm been paid for work on
- 15 this case?
- 16 A There should be another invoice that goes
- 17 with this one that covers the remainder of the scope.
- 18 And in your question, I assume you are
- 19 including costs to subcontractors that were paid to
- 20 us that we paid subcontractors?
- 21 Q I'm concerned that the definition in that
- 22 particular document is too limited.
- 23 Could you hand it back to me so I can mark
- 24 it as an exhibit?
- 25 A Sure.

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1 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 36 was
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- 2 marked for identification and is
- 3 attached hereto.)
- 4 BY MR. MILLER:
- 5 Q Exhibit 36 is entitled "Expert Designation
- 6 Assignment, and it totals \$280,000 plus change,
- 7 correct?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q I want to know the total amount Northrop or
- 10 its attorneys have paid you with respect to this case
- 11 regardless of what it was for.
- MR. SLOME: I object. To the extent that he's
- 13 been paid fees for consulting services, that's
- 14 privileged information, and we're not going to
- 15 disclose it.
- 16 MR. MILLER: It goes to bias. I've never heard
- 17 a lawyer instruct an expert not to disclose the
- 18 amount paid in a case. This will be a first. I
- 19 don't know of any appropriate legal basis for that
- 20 claim.
- 21 MR. SLOME: I'm happy to take that under
- 22 submission, and we can address it at the next
- 23 session.
- MR. MILLER: No. We're going to get it resolved
- 25 by a judge before the next session, the whole

- 1 consulting issue.
- 2 MR. SLOME: Then we'll get it resolved before a
- 3 judge, the next issue.
- 4 MR. MILLER: Because you are instructing him not
- 5 to answer at this time, so I will take that question
- 6 to him.
- 7 MR. SLOME: I'm instructing the witness not to
- 8 answer questions that relates to his consulting
- 9 services which go beyond the scope of his designation
- 10 and which are subject to a privilege, and the
- 11 privileges aren't defeated by relevance.
- 12 And you are telling me it's relevant. Well,
- 13 so what? If it's privileged, it's privileged. And
- 14 certainly the services he performed and the work he's
- 15 done in a consulting capacity are privileged. I
- 16 think that the fees he's been paid for those services
- 17 are also privileged, but -- and on that basis I'm
- 18 giving him the instruction, but I'm prepared to take
- 19 a look at that issue.
- 20 MR. MILLER: Take a look at it soon, please,
- 21 because I do not want to file an unnecessary motion.
- MR. SLOME: Sure.
- MR. MILLER: But based on what happened in day
- 24 one, I have to anyway. The question is the scope of
- 25 the issues. I don't want the judge spending time on

- 1 something he or she shouldn't.
- 2 Please mark that.
- 3 THE REPORTER: Okay.
- 4 BY MR. MILLER:
- 5 Q I have a document entitled "Kester Solder
- 6 Site Assessment Summary, dated March 13, 2012.
- 7 Can you check it and make sure that's the
- 8 full document I should use and mark as an exhibit as
- 9 your summary of opinions concerning that site?
- 10 A Yes, I believe it is complete.
- 11 Q Okay. I'm going to need to get these maps
- 12 out of the way temporarily so I can find my copy of
- 13 this document.
- 14 I've marked the document identified by the
- 15 witness Exhibit 37.
- 16 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 37 was
- 17 marked for identification and is
- 18 attached hereto.)
- 19 BY MR. MILLER:
- 20 Q This is a copy of your summary.
- 21 A Thanks.
- 22 MR. SLOME: Can I see if I've got the same
- 23 document? Yes. Okay.
- 24 BY MR. MILLER:
- 25 Q Exhibit 37 is your summary of Kester

- 1 opinions, correct?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q Please turn to page 20.
- 4 A I'm sorry?
- 5 MR. SLOME: Page what?
- 6 BY MR. MILLER:
- 7 Q I'm sorry. Paragraph 20, page 5.
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q You state "The groundwater VOC levels within
- 10 the perched zone have decreased significantly in
- 11 response to soil and perched zone remediation
- 12 activities, although elevated levels still remain,"
- 13 correct?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Doesn't that finding mean that you have
- 16 determined that the VOCs released at the site have
- 17 reached groundwater?
- 18 A Groundwater including the perched zone as
- 19 you are asking the question?
- 20 Q No. It says -- oh, I see.
- 21 Has the amount of VOCs in groundwater
- 22 decreased following remediation of the Kester Solder
- 23 site?
- 24 A Yes.
- Q Do you believe that's attributable to the

1 decline in VOC concentrations in the perched zone as

- 2 a result of remedial activities?
- 3 A In your prior question when you asked me
- 4 about groundwater, I was using that in the broad
- 5 sense, including the perched zone as well.
- 6 Q I'm less interested in the perched zone at
- 7 the moment. I'm talking about groundwater, not
- 8 perched groundwater.
- 9 Can you make that distinction?
- 10 A Yes. You are talking about the shallow
- 11 aquifer.
- 12 O Yes.
- 13 Has the concentration of VOCs in
- 14 groundwater, including the shallow aquifer, declined
- 15 as a result of the remedial efforts at the site to
- 16 reduce the level of VOCs in the perched zone?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q So you agree with the premise that VOCs were
- 19 released at the site that contaminated the shallow
- 20 aquifer at the Kester site, correct?
- 21 A I believe that the shallow aquifer was
- 22 impacted by PCE for a period of time. It was
- 23 released at the Kester site.
- Q In fact, there was a period of time when
- 25 Northrop was claiming there was an upgradient source

- 1 of VOCs causing contamination entering the Y-12
- 2 upgradient monitoring wells and that it was coming
- 3 from Kester?
- 4 A There may have been VOCs. In fact, it's
- 5 likely that there were some VOCs from Kester that
- 6 reached the Y-12 property. I think we talked about
- 7 this yesterday.
- 8 There were other sources further upgradient,
- 9 upgradient of Kester, that have also contributed VOCs
- 10 to the Y-12 site.
- 11 Q But the identified source of PCE in
- 12 upgradient monitoring wells coming onto the Y-12 site
- is Kester Solder?
- 14 A I don't believe it's the sole upgradient
- 15 source of PCE.
- 16 Q It's the major source, correct?
- 17 A I would have to look at the plume map data
- 18 to evaluate that question. I don't know the answer
- 19 off the top of my head.
- 20 Q Dr. Waddell determined that the major source
- 21 of PCE coming on the Y-12 property was Kester Solder,
- 22 correct?
- 23 A I believe that's consistent with what he
- 24 said.
- Q Do you agree or disagree?

- 1 A I have to look at the data on the plume
- 2 maps.
- 3 Are we still on the record?
- 4 I would not reach that same conclusion based
- 5 on the available groundwater data.
- 6 Q What are you relying on?
- 7 A One of the plume data maps that we
- 8 referenced yesterday. I can put it up on the table
- 9 if you would like.
- 10 Q I need a document and a page.
- 11 A It's entitled "Groundwater PCE Data for
- 12 Upper Shallow Aquifer through Spring 2011."
- 13 Q And what are you looking at?
- MR. SLOME: He'll show you.
- 15 BY MR. MILLER:
- Q Do you fold road maps that way?
- 17 A Trying to get it down to a more manageable
- 18 size.
- 19 Q Thank you. I do appreciate that.
- 20 A This is similar to a couple of maps that we
- 21 looked at yesterday. It contains the maximum
- 22 historic PCE level for the monitoring wells in the
- 23 vicinity of Y-12, Kester and some upgradient sites,
- 24 as well as the most recent PCE concentration
- 25 measured. And this is for the upper shallow portion

- 1 of the aquifer.
- 2 Q You have a contour in yellow?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q What is the beginning point of the contour
- 5 in yellow?
- 6 A On the upgradient end?
- 7 Q Yes.
- 8 A It extends just to the east a few hundred
- 9 feet of monitoring well FM-5.
- 10 Q What site is in that area?
- 11 A It extends up to the vicinity of the
- 12 Fullerton Business Park.
- 13 Q And what is the concentration upgradient of
- 14 Kester Solder for PCE?
- 15 A The most recent data indicates
- 16 concentrations ranging from 74 micrograms per liter
- 17 to 19 micrograms per liter, the "19" being more
- 18 current than the "74."
- 19 Q And what monitoring point are you looking
- 20 at?
- 21 A I was looking at a well that's designated
- 22 KS-GW1.
- Q And that's a Kester Solder monitoring well?
- 24 A The "KS" prefix suggests that, but I don't
- 25 know that that was necessarily installed by Orion.

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1 Q And where did that PCE come from?
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- 2 A It appears to be originating in the area
- 3 that I just described, to the east of FM-5.
- 4 Q Fullerton Business Park?
- 5 A That general area, yes.
- 6 Q Let's go back to the summary of your
- 7 opinions, Exhibit 37.
- Number 22, "The circulation well that is
- 9 being operated at the Y-12 site will intercept a
- 10 portion of any VOCs that were previously released to
- 11 the shallow aquifer at the Kester site."
- 12 What does "a portion" mean?
- 13 A It means likely, not all.
- 14 Q I wouldn't defer with that.
- But what is it? Are we talking 5 percent,
- 16 50 percent?
- 17 A I would say potentially approximately half
- 18 of the VOCs that are present between Kester and the
- 19 recirculation well that would otherwise migrate
- 20 downgradient to the location of the recirculation
- 21 well.
- Q Did you get that answer through modeling?
- 23 A I just referenced Exhibit 33 and the
- 24 predicted capture efficiency for the upper shallow
- 25 aquifer as a whole in responding to your question.

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1 Q Is the Kester plume less than 200-feet wide
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- 2 as it approaches Y-12 in the recirculation well?
- 3 A It does not appear to be very wide. It
- 4 appears to be on that order width.
- 5 Q What happens when the direction of
- 6 groundwater flow shifts as far as the ability of the
- 7 recirculation well to pick up that plume from Kester?
- 8 A If it were to shift significantly after a
- 9 period of time, perhaps a year or two, the
- 10 recirculation well may no longer be within the shadow
- 11 of that plume, but --
- 12 Q If you fail to capture any of it?
- 13 A The available data, if you look at the
- 14 groundwater monitoring well results, suggests that
- 15 there's no longer a perceptible contribution of VOCs
- 16 to the shallow aquifer from Kester. So what remains
- 17 between Kester and Y-12 is the vast majority, if not
- 18 all, of the VOCs that would be in question as far as
- 19 being intercepted by the recirculation well.
- 20 Q In paragraph 20 in the summary of your
- 21 opinions, you state there are still elevated levels
- in the perched zone of groundwater VOCs.
- 23 A Yes.
- Q And contaminants in the perched zone at the
- 25 Kester site would make their way to groundwater?

- 1 A They could.
- Q Historically they have.
- 3 A In the past, yes.
- 4 Q Nothing's changed about the ability of VOCs
- 5 in the perched zone and their ability to get into
- 6 deeper groundwater, correct?
- 7 A In the short term, yes. Perhaps not in the
- 8 long term, but that's unclear.
- 9 Q What is being used to remediate the perched
- 10 zone contamination at Kester Solder?
- 11 A There's been pilot tests of two different
- 12 approaches; one a dual-phase extraction system and
- one a potassium permanganate in situ oxidation
- 14 system.
- 15 Q How long has that been operational?
- 16 A Both of them were pilot tests. Neither one
- 17 is what I would characterize to be an operational
- 18 system.
- 19 Q The SVE system at the site was shut down?
- 20 A The soil remediation activities were
- 21 completed, and the SVE system was shut down at the
- 22 completion of those activities.
- 23 Q In June of 2009. Paragraph 13.
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q They estimate there were 990 pounds of VOCs

1 in the vadose zone they recovered with the SVE

- 2 system?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q And that was predominantly PCE?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q Was there any amount of TCE or DCE released
- 7 at the site?
- 8 A There were lower levels of TCE and DCE
- 9 present in the subsurface, most likely as a result of
- 10 the PCE. I'm not aware of any documentation that
- 11 would suggest that those VOCs were released directly.
- 12 Q Paragraph 17 --
- 13 A Yes.
- 15 levels persist at the site in response to OCWD's
- 16 recharge activities. It is likely that dual-phase
- 17 extraction would be ineffective at these high
- 18 groundwater levels."
- 19 Is that statement true?
- 20 A I believe it to be true.
- 21 Q So if that's true, you would have to go with
- 22 the ozone system, correct?
- 23 A No. You are referring to the in situ
- 24 oxidation, potassium permanganate.
- 25 Q That's what you are going to use?

1 A That I think is an alternative. It's not up

- 2 to me.
- 3 O Why would you use potassium permanganate
- 4 instead of ozone?
- 5 A Because that approach has been proven to be
- 6 effective as far as injecting it into relatively low
- 7 permeability deposits.
- 8 Q The PCE at this site is in low permeability
- 9 deposits, which makes it hard to get at and
- 10 remediate?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q It acts kind of like a bank holding and
- 13 releasing PCE over long periods of time?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q How long does it take to get all of the PCE
- 16 out of a low permeability unit using potassium
- 17 permanganate?
- 18 A Well, the pilot tests that were performed in
- 19 localized areas, they were able to effectively remove
- 20 the vast majority of the PCE in a period of a few
- 21 days to a few weeks, but that was within a localized
- 22 area.
- 23 Q Basically the injection point?
- 24 A They injected in one well and extracted in
- 25 another well that was not located a great distance

- 1 away. I believe it was 10 or 20 feet away.
- 2 So they were dealing with a relatively short
- 3 distance between the injection and the extraction
- 4 point. It was effective over a very short period of
- 5 time over that distance, but it would take longer for
- 6 the site as a whole.
- 7 Q Where is the low permeability unit that has
- 8 PCE in it at the site? Could you just describe that
- 9 generally for me?
- 10 A Yes. It's present --
- 11 Well, it's typically what we've been
- 12 referring to or at a similar depth to what we've been
- 13 referring to as the perched zone at Y-12.
- 14 Q Which is?
- 15 A There's a cross-section, Figure 4, that's
- 16 part of the report, which shows the general site
- 17 stratigraphy as it's been identified by Orion. It's
- 18 a low permeability layer, on average, lies between
- 19 approximately 70 and 80 feet below the ground
- 20 surface. It's in --
- 21 Q Just tell me the figure.
- 22 A -- this.
- Q Yes. What is the figure?
- 24 A 4.
- 25 Q What are the concentrations in that zone of

- 1 PCE?
- 2 MR. SLOME: Which one?
- 3 THE WITNESS: The thick one. Yeah, thanks.
- 4 Monitoring well number 1, which is in the
- 5 perched zone. I'm reading this off a graph.
- 6 But the current PCE concentration, or most
- 7 recent as of the fall of 2011, was approximately
- 8 600 micrograms per liter in MW-1, and that's screened
- 9 from 75 feet to 95 feet. MW-2 was approximately 1700
- 10 micrograms per liter, the same screen interval. MW-4
- 11 with the same screen interval. It was approximately
- 12 750 micrograms per liter. MW-5 is approximately
- 13 1900 micrograms per liter. MW-6 is approximately
- 14 570 micrograms per liter. And MW-7 is approximately
- 15 700 micrograms per liter.
- Those are the perched zone wells.
- 17 BY MR. MILLER:
- 18 Q Now, those are measurements of groundwater
- in the area of the perched zone, correct?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q Has somebody tried to measure the
- 22 concentrations and the low permeability material that
- 23 causes the perched zone to be there?
- 24 A The soil matrix concentrations?
- Q Yes.

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1 A Yes. I believe there's data in that regard.
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- 2 Q Are the concentrations typically higher than
- 3 in the groundwater?
- 4 A I would say the highest soil matrix levels
- 5 that have been measured in that zone are comparable
- 6 to the highest perched groundwater concentrations
- 7 that have been measured recently.
- 8 Q What sample result are you looking at?
- 9 A I'm looking at Figure 5.4 of the Kester site
- 10 summary report which shows the measured soil matrix
- 11 concentrations in the 51- to 75-foot depth zone.
- 12 Q One of the things that can happen with
- 13 DNAPL, especially PCE, is it can overcome the
- 14 threshold required to penetrate clay, correct?
- 15 A If it pools to sufficient depth, yes. It
- 16 can overcome the --
- 17 Q Poor entry sure, I believe it's called?
- 18 A The hydrophobic nature of the clay, yes.
- 19 Q That DNAPL can be hard to locate in clay,
- 20 correct?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q And hard to remediate because you don't know
- 23 where it is?
- 24 A It makes it more difficult to remediate if
- 25 you don't know where it is, yes.

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1 Q Is there evidence of DNAPL releases at this
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- 2 site?
- 3 A I think it's unlikely.
- 4 Q Were there spills of pure product at this
- 5 site; pure PCE, that is?
- 6 A It's likely that there were spills of pure
- 7 PCE onto the floor slab of the facility.
- 8 Q They had a drum storage area with
- 9 contamination problems?
- 10 A Well, within the chemical mixing and storage
- 11 area, which is adjacent to the drum storage area.
- 12 O And that's the center of the contamination?
- 13 A Yes, in that vicinity.
- 14 Also in response to your prior question, I
- 15 should mention, in looking at the soil matrix
- 16 concentrations and the soil gas concentrations, they
- 17 would tend to suggest that there's probably not
- 18 DNAPL.
- 19 Q Why?
- 20 A They are too low.
- Q What is too low?
- 22 A The highest onsite soil matrix concentration
- 23 that was measured at a shallow depth looks like it
- 24 was 99 milligrams per kilogram, or 99,000 micrograms.
- Q 99,000 parts per billion?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q What is the level at which the concentration
- 3 is indicative of the likely presence of DNAPL?
- 4 A I would say it becomes increasingly more
- 5 likely if you find levels above approximately
- 6 10 milligrams per kilogram in the soil.
- 7 Q 10,000 parts per billion?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q Isn't 99,000 above 10,000 parts per billion?
- 10 A Yes.
- I may have misspoke. I meant 10,000
- 12 milligrams per kilogram.
- 13 Q I don't think you meant that because that's
- 14 10 million parts per billion.
- 15 A Yes. Seeing those concentrations at
- 16 numerous sites, and you are getting into moderately
- 17 high solvent concentrations where there's likely to
- 18 be phase separated solvent in the soil at those
- 19 concentrations.
- 20 Q Aren't there quite a few published papers
- 21 that say concentrations lower than 10 million parts
- 22 per billion are indicative of DNAPL, including
- 23 published standard textbooks that are used to educate
- 24 people in your profession?
- 25 A Are you talking about groundwater dissolved

- 1 concentrations or soil matrix concentrations?
- 2 Q Let's take dissolved water concentrations.
- 3 A There are a number of publications that
- 4 discuss that subject.
- 5 One rule of thumb that I've seen mentioned
- 6 before is if you exceed 20 percent of the solubility
- 7 limit of a particular VOC.
- 8 Q 20 percent, not 1 percent?
- 9 A Correct.
- 10 Q You would be surprised to hear that in
- 11 standard textbooks today that are used to educate
- 12 hydrogeology students, that 1 percent is the rule of
- 13 thumb for groundwater?
- 14 A I think it depends on the number of
- 15 monitoring points that you have. If you've got a
- 16 site where you've got a relatively high number of
- 17 monitoring points, if you had DNAPL you are going to
- 18 see dissolved concentrations much, much higher than
- 19 that that would be detectible.
- 20 If you got dispersed, very dispersed
- 21 monitoring points that may be located larger
- 22 distances from a potential DNAPL location, then I
- 23 would agree that you could potentially have lower
- 24 concentrations, perhaps as low as 1 percent, that
- 25 would be indicative of the presence of DNAPL.

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1 Q What is the standard textbook used today to
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- 2 educate people in the hydrogeology field to get their
- 3 Bachelor's degree?
- 4 A Freeze and Cherry is still used pretty
- 5 extensively.
- 6 Q And what is the standard graduate textbook
- 7 on the subject?
- 8 A I don't know if there is what I would call a
- 9 standard graduate textbook. Freeze and Cherry is
- 10 still used quite a bit for graduate-level work as
- 11 well.
- 12 Q Isn't Bear used for graduate-level work?
- 13 A I'm not familiar with that. There's a
- 14 textbook by Stoler that's used pretty extensively as
- 15 well.
- 16 Q Which Stoler?
- 17 A Robert.
- 18 Q The one who lives in Orange County?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q Turn to the section on "Documented Releases"
- 21 in your summary report, which I need to mark, and the
- 22 report figures, which I need to mark as Exhibits 38
- 23 and 39.
- 38 will be the summary and 39 will be the
- 25 figures.

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1 (Plaintiff's Exhibits 38 and 39
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- were marked for identification and are
- 3 attached hereto.)
- 4 BY MR. MILLER:
- 5 Q 38 and 39 are reports on Kester Solder you
- 6 prepared?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q I made sure I had a copy for myself. I may
- 9 have to swap you copies.
- 10 A That's okay.
- 11 Q No, you keep the ones with the exhibit tabs.
- 12 Could I have the other two, please, and also the
- 13 thick one you borrowed back that you said I could
- 14 have? I want a complete set at the end of the day.
- 15 A Oh, yeah, I forgot I gave that to you.
- Q Section 3, "Documented Releases."
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q According to your summary, what is the
- 19 documented release of PCE at Kester Solder?
- 20 A I didn't see documentation of any release
- 21 that was noted in the available records.
- 22 Q Did they turn in an unauthorized release
- 23 report to the state or local oversight agencies?
- 24 A Specifically with respect to PCE?
- 25 Q We can start there. They may have said

1 something like VOCs and not been more specific, and I

- 2 would want to know about that.
- 3 A I don't believe I've seen that type of
- 4 report. There's correspondence from two or three
- 5 different regulatory agencies regarding the discovery
- 6 of PCE in the soil beneath the facility.
- 7 Q Could you turn to page 18 of your narrative?
- 8 A Which page?
- 9 MR. SLOME: 18.
- 10 BY MR. MILLER:
- 11 0 18.
- 12 A Oh, of the document summary?
- 13 Q Yes.
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q March 25, 2006, Orion, the consultant
- 16 retained by Northrop at the site, estimated that the
- 17 SVE system would remove over 10,377 pounds within
- 18 two years based on the initial removal rate, correct?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q How much did they actually remove?
- 21 A Just under 1000 pounds, as I recall.
- 22 Q Were they having trouble getting PCE out of
- 23 tight soils using the SVE system?
- 24 A Not for the upper soils, only for the
- 25 roughly 10-foot thick zone that we discussed earlier.

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1 Q But that's not the reason for the
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- 2 discrepancy between the estimate and the outcome,
- 3 correct?
- 4 A Correct.
- 5 Q Because the SVE system wasn't designed to
- 6 address contamination beneath the water table.
- 7 A Well, it wasn't --
- 8 The majority of that zone was not -- or has
- 9 not been below the water table. It was simply low
- 10 permeability but not saturated.
- 11 Q Okay. It was in a semi-perched -- or in a
- 12 perched zone, is what you are saying?
- 13 A Well, it was in a relatively low
- 14 permeability silt and clay layer that locally had --
- 15 well, locally the lower portion, lower few feet of
- 16 that silt and clay layer were saturated.
- 17 Q So why did the estimate vary from the actual
- 18 recovery so much, basically by a factor of 10?
- 19 A Because the initial VOC levels in the SVE
- 20 system when it was operated dropped off much more
- 21 quickly than the exponential decay model that Orion
- 22 had used in their estimate. And there's a copy of
- 23 the rate at which the VOCs -- the VOC levels in the
- 24 influent to that system dropped off as Figure 7 in
- 25 the 11-by-17 figure package.

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1 Q They were using a vadose zone model to try
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- 2 to predict the concentration they would remove?
- 3 A They used an attenuation model or curve that
- 4 they had attained from another site which had
- 5 generally similar, though not identical, soil
- 6 characteristics; so they thought it would give it a
- 7 reasonable estimate. But when they actually started
- 8 the SVE system at Kester, the PCE levels in the
- 9 influent to that system dropped off much more quickly
- 10 than at the other site.
- 11 Q Was that a vadose zone model?
- 12 A For both cases? I believe it was, yes.
- 13 Q Is it well-known that vadose zone models can
- both under- and overestimate mass significantly?
- 15 A I'm not sure what you are asking.
- 16 (Whereupon Mr. Geocaris entered
- the proceedings.)
- 18 BY MR. MILLER:
- 19 Q Is it well-known that the vadose zone
- 20 contamination is hard to model and models can over-
- 21 and underestimate it significantly?
- 22 A I think that's a fair statement.
- 23 Q This is just one example of where that is
- 24 true?
- 25 A Yes.

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1 Q If you look at page 22 of your notes,
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- 2 perched groundwater is about 86 feet below ground
- 3 surface.
- 4 A Which entry are you --
- 5 Q 7-15.
- 6 A At that time. That's no longer the case.
- 7 Q What is it now?
- 8 A I believe it's closer to 70 feet.
- 9 Q At page 24 you summarize a perched zone
- 10 hydraulic study report by Orion. Was the point of
- 11 that study to determine how feasible it was to get
- 12 PCE out of the perched zone and the confining layer
- 13 in that area?
- 14 A Yes, or to chemically oxidize it. They were
- 15 evaluating remedial alternatives.
- 16 Q Basically it's hard to get the chemical
- 17 oxidant into the low permeability material because of
- 18 the entry pressure required to do that?
- 19 A It's certainly harder than it is for a
- 20 higher permeability material, yes.
- 21 Q At page 25 of your notes, you indicate they
- 22 are going to attempt to inject 10,800 gallons of
- 23 3 percent permanganate solution?
- 24 A Yes.
- Q Has that been done?

- 1 A No, I don't believe so.
- 2 Q Do you know when they planned to do it?
- 3 A I believe in late 2009.
- 4 Q Well, has it been done or not?
- 5 A I don't believe it has been done.
- 6 Q Page 27, you summarize an Orion memorandum,
- 7 and it contains a recommendation "Suspend
- 8 permanganate injection testing."
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q And they recommend performing high vacuum
- 11 soil vapor extraction?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q But you testified earlier that that's not
- 14 going to work because of current recharge rates and
- 15 current groundwater levels.
- 16 A It would be more difficult today as a result
- 17 of the presently elevated groundwater level, such
- 18 that it may no longer be the most feasible approach.
- 19 Q Has Orion decided to go back to permanganate
- 20 injection in a report submitted to the state?
- 21 A I don't believe there is a report that has
- 22 been submitted, no.
- 23 Q Have they notified the state in writing that
- 24 they are going to go back to permanganate injection
- 25 yet?

- 1 A Not that I'm aware of.
- 2 Q Are they basically waiting for the
- 3 groundwater to lower?
- 4 A No. It's my understanding that they are
- 5 having what's referred to as a "RIES" committee
- 6 meeting, a remedial identification evaluation --
- 7 let's see. I should know that acronym. Remedial
- 8 identification -- essentially identification of the
- 9 remedial approach where they have a group of
- 10 consultants peer review the available data and
- 11 recommend what they believe to be the most feasible
- 12 approach.
- 13 Q Would that be a group of consultants within
- 14 Orion?
- 15 A No. I believe it's -- it would include
- 16 Orion representatives but predominantly consultants
- 17 and experts outside of Orion.
- 18 Q I take it it's a technically difficult
- 19 evaluation or it wouldn't be necessary for a meeting
- 20 like that?
- 21 A I wouldn't say that it's simple, but I think
- 22 it's a good approach to bring more eyes to bear on
- 23 the problem in order to make sure that the best
- 24 solution is identified.
- Q Basically it's not very simple to get PCE

- 1 out of a confining unit, correct? That's the
- 2 problem.
- 3 A Well, you don't necessarily need to get it
- 4 out if you go with a chemical oxidation alternative,
- 5 but it's easier to get it out of higher permeability
- 6 soil deposits.
- 7 Q Are you familiar with situations where PCE
- 8 bleeding out of low permeability materials causes
- 9 sites to be contaminated for more than 100 years?
- 10 A No.
- 11 Q Are you familiar with the San Gabriel Valley
- 12 operable unit?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q Isn't the estimated cleanup time on the
- 15 order of 200 years?
- 16 A Oh, I misunderstood your question.
- 17 I certainly have seen people estimate
- 18 extraordinarily long cleanup times. I have not seen
- 19 documentation of the condition, though, that you
- 20 described with your question.
- 21 Q You mean 200 years' worth of testing,
- 22 investigation and monitoring?
- 23 A Yes.
- Q Basically our forefathers weren't doing it.
- 25 A It seemed like an easy question to answer.

- 1 O Yes.
- Well, there's certainly estimated cleanup
- 3 times with PCE in the hundreds of years that are
- 4 considered to be reasonable estimates, and planning
- 5 and remediation is based around that, correct?
- 6 A With pump and treat type systems or
- 7 approaches that don't address source removal, yes, it
- 8 can take a long time.
- 9 MR. MILLER: I told counsel I would try to stop
- 10 around 4:30.
- 11 MR. SLOME: You did.
- MR. MILLER: We have an understanding that this
- 13 will be reconvened. Please let me know within the
- 14 next couple of days if you are going to modify your
- 15 position on reimbursement, what he's been paid --
- MR. SLOME: Yes.
- 17 MR. MILLER: -- in total.
- 18 MR. SLOME: Yes. I shall do that.
- 19 MR. MILLER: All right. And then we will make
- 20 arrangements for a convenient time to address this
- 21 issue and get it resolved before we reconvene. And
- 22 I'm available to take your calls, I trust you have my
- 23 cell, on rescheduling.
- MR. SLOME: No; but E-mail is fine.
- MR. MILLER: We'll go off the video record for

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         THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This now concludes today's
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8	I, the undersigned, say that I have read the
9	foregoing deposition, and I declare, under penalty of
10	perjury under the laws of the State of California,
11	that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript
12	of my testimony contained therein, incorporating any
13	and all changes and/or corrections as noted by me.
14	EXECUTED this day of,
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4	I, the undersigned, a Certified Shorthand
5	Reporter of the State of California, do hereby
6	certify:
7	That the foregoing proceedings were taken
8	before me at the time and place herein set forth;
9	that any witnesses in the foregoing proceedings,
10	prior to testifying, were placed under oath; that a
11	verbatim record of the proceedings was made by me
12	using machine shorthand which was thereafter
13	transcribed under my direction; further, that the
14	foregoing is an accurate transcription thereof.
15	I further certify that I am neither
16	financially interested in the action nor a relative
17	or employee of any attorney of any of the parties.
18	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have this date
19	subscribed my name.
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24	MARIANNA DONNER, CSR, RPR, CLR
25	CSR No. 7504